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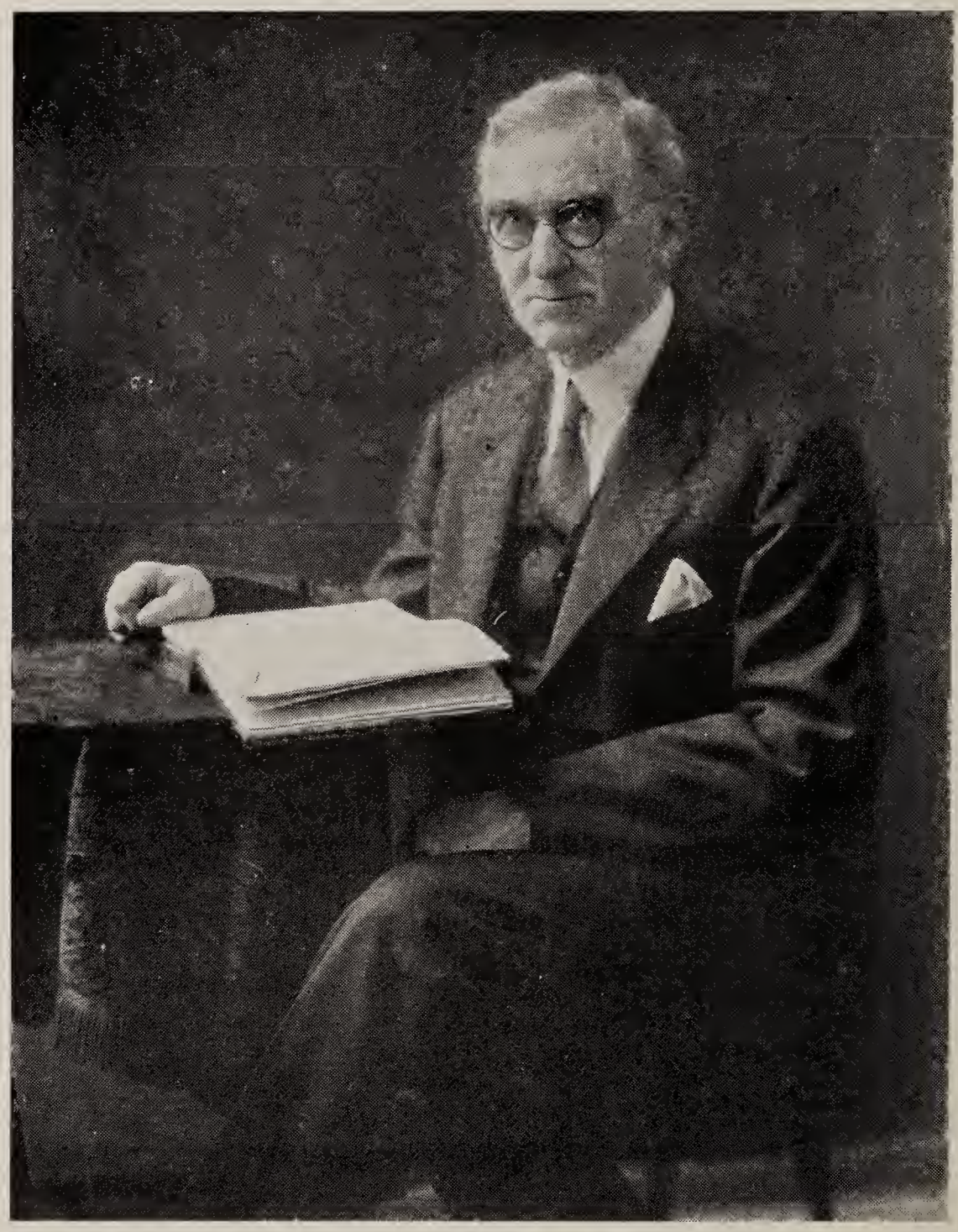

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A Memorial of The Neff Family

With Special Reference to
Francis Neff and Some
of His Descendants

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DEDICATION

I DEDICATE this effort in loving memory of my parents, Daniel Grove Neff and Susan Neff, more especially mother, she being by far the best verbal historian to my knowledge.

To her we owe a great debt of gratitude, for most of the record of our immediate family, as well as many others, in whom she was deeply interested, and from which she derived so much pleasure.

It was this charming association with mother, that induced me to prosecute this little work to its ultimate completion.

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PREFACE

THE Primary or Foremost thought in this limited endeavor, is to maintain the direct lineage of the descendants of Francis Neff, who migrated westward from the original settlement in Lancaster County, Penna., thereby evading a breach in the continuity of the History and Genealogy, which would in all probability be irretraceable.

Further that the record be continued from generation to generation, which as time passes, we sincerely hope will prove an interesting as well as a valuable Archive.

Had not our Great and Heroic Ancestor Adam Naf been successful in rescuing the Banner during the battle of the Reformation in 1530 our religious creed, in all probability would have been fundamentally divergent.

We are cognizant of the fact that some of the records may be incomplete, for various reasons, over which we had no control. Yet the fact remains, that the basis or subject matter, for the most part, is as near authentic as compilations are usually found or proven to be.

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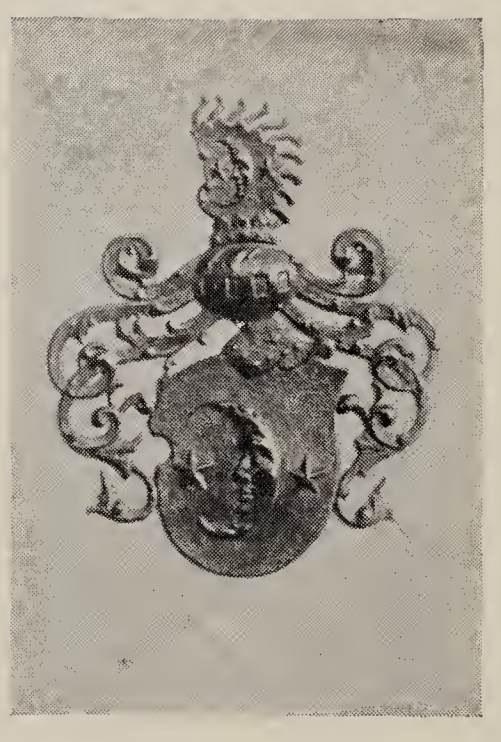

"OH TAKE ME BACK TO SWITZERLAND, MY OWN, MY DEAR, MY NATIVE LAND."

"For the birth of the name of Neff, one must turn to Switzerland. That most charming of all divisions of Europe, within whose confines, the climates of nearly every part of the known world are lent. "From lands of snow to lands of sun," and whose physical peculiarities, so well known, have produced as results a strong, rugged, yet thoroughly refined, people.

To one part of this picturesque land, the attention of the reader is directed: it is the Canton, not inaptly "Called an epitome of all Switzerland," and which should be termed the parent of Protestantism, Zurich.

Around this canton cling many memories dear to the Protestant of America. For was it not in the Cathedral of Zurich, "to which office he was installed December, 1518," that Zwingli preached, and openly opposed the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church?

Far away in 1531 near the village "that is so pleasantly situated, at the foot of the Albis range, and at the entrance of the Alpine world," the ancestor, Adam Naf, distinguished the name and placed the family historically prominent in the struggle of Protestantism in Southern Europe.

On the 11th day of October, more than 400 years ago, Adam Naf, at Kappel, rescued the standard of Zurich from desecration. On the 11th day of October, 1881, at Kappel, the 350th Anniversary of his heroic deed was celebrated. Gathered together on that day were the neighboring families of Naf, in Switzerland, to honor and celebrate this good and great man's act.

"Thus circumstanced and surrounded this canton Zurich, should, and did play a particular and weighty part in the conflicts raging in Switzerland in the struggle against the Roman Catholic power—its people, individually as well as collectively, even down to latter days, feeling the influences thus brought to bear upon all. Turning our thoughts particularly to this canton, it will be found that these influences have shaped even the course of the lives of those who become of deep interest as the story of this volume rolls on.

"In the reformed religion, Zurich must be accorded leadership, for in her train followed "Berne, Basel, Schauffhausen, a great part of Glarus, and the exterior communities of Appenzell," and on account of their devotion bore the proud title of "Calvanistic or reformed cantons."

"Standing those opposed to the power and teachings of Rome with her allies, the "five cantons" leagued together to defend the old faith, it is not surprising that persecution should have been present here.

"The conditions were no different here than in other countries where the iron hand of Popery had made red the land.

"The persecution, however, appeared in Switzerland in a milder form.

"It was a kind of persecution (and it is indulged in even to-day in a modified form), that although lacking the rigor and severity of the religious movements elsewhere, and unknown to the world, yet had the effect to drive the men of Zurich, and the other Protestant cantons, hither and thither over the earth."

THE BATTLE AT KAPPEL AND THE NAF FAMILY

In the first half of the 13th century, in the dispute between spirituality and citizenship of Zurich which had become subject to the emperor only, the new popular preachers, the preaching or Dominican monks, had founded their first monastic establishment in the jurisdiction of the present Switzerland. Their place of worship is standing to this day, the overslender choir serving science, the 1611-14 renewed nave consecrated to the Dominican church community. In the same place where the Dominicans were zealously devoted to science and mysticism, Zurich's new infinitely rich spiritual life is ere long awakened, thanks to the uniting of the public book treasures. And the impetus to this freer scientific struggle goes back to the time of our humanist Zwingli. As a symbol of the valiant struggle won, new time now beams, since the August days of the war year 1915, a glass window between the old pre-reformation House of God and the new Temple of Science. If the visitor steps thru the south portal decorated with a Latin inscription, into the nave dedicated to the community service, he sees opposite him in one of the new walls of the central library the quietly contrasted monumental glass-window symbolizing:

Ulrich Zwingli's Farewell and Departure for the Battle at Kappel with the comforting exhortation of Zwingli, on the battlefield, at the bottom of the picture

"Loyal people be comforted and fear not.
If we must suffer alike, the cause is good."

The stately stained glass picture fills the more than three meters high and wide Gothic window in the north aisle not far from the pulpit. Let us have the Reverend Alexander Nuesch describe the picture, whose reproduction in our pamphlet unfortunately does not do justice to the color splendor:

The picture holds quite closely to the well-known representation by Ludwig Vogel, however, partly with a newer conception and newer grouping and makes a salutary, abundantly satisfying, and even touching impression. In the middle we see the marked personality of the Reformer full of pensive melancholy, filled with sad presentment of death, extends his hand to wife and children in farewell, but the other people too press forward in order to say a last farewell to the venerated man. To the right and left one catches sight of soldiers who are ready for the departure, commander Schmid of Kusnacht, the standard-bearer and a sturdy youth in the

canton colors of the land taking leave to the one dearest to him. It is the 11th of October, 1531, on which day from 700 to 800 marched out to the ominous battle of Kappel; in the background rises St. Mary's church with its two towers of that time, flanked by old historic buildings; the representation itself is framed by dark-toned grape and vine garlands in order to make the color contrast and the perspective more effective, and over all the suffering face of the Thorn-crowned beams in golden rays, in order to symbolize the tragedy of the departure and the result of the battle.

Design and composition of the representation originated with the artist Walter **Naef**-Bouvin, the life-sized figures are copied from the best examples of the good old school and the master-work itself comes from the colored glass studio of Heinrich Rottinger, Oetenbachdasse, Zurich I. The magnificent glass picture however is a pious bequest and a gift worthy of the greatest thanks of the family **Naef**-Michel, on the Mauer, in memory of the deceased Edwin **Naef**-Michel to the church and community. Every visitor and spectator will find a keen enjoyment in the picture, and the community may consider itself fortunate to possess in its church such a jewel of the highest artistic value and specific Zurich character.

With this picture stand both the artist Mr. Walter **Naef**-Bouvin as well as Mr. Edwin **Naef**-Michel, member of the church wardenship for many years whose heirs bequeathed the glass window, in certain relations, in decided however to the further picture of Ludwig Vogel, not known to the public, that the battle of Kappel itself has to do with the protection and saving of the Zurich standard. To the kind direction of Prof. Paul Schweizer and the esteemed willingness of the owner of the picture Canton Councilor F. O. Pestalozzi-Junghans is due the possibility of the first reproduction in the next pamphlet of the Zwingliana. Both Mr. Naefs descend from Adam Naf of Vollenweid who took part in the rescue of the standard. Ludwig Vogel with his most excellent talent for composition has created here an effective grouping. The protection of the hard-fought-for standard holds the middle ground. The artist used here, cleverly, (as Martin Usteri), the historical sources, such as Heinrich Bullinger's which effervesces with them; for Bullinger with great conscientiousness noted down and wrote exactly the recital concerning the rescue of the standard from the word and declaration of the nearest participants, the worthy Kleinhans Kambli, Hans Huber, Adam Naf and Uli Dantzler. This he expressly emphasizes at the end of his description which shows that he as former cloister teacher at Kappel was well acquainted with

the condition of the country, and knew how to use these oral reports cleverly and intuitively. Bullinger's source account allows the comprehension of this battle episode to be more closely defined, for one of the witnesses, none other than our Adam Naf died before the 7th of November, 1571; on this day the sons received in his stead the newly bestowed Sennhof at Kappel. It must have been composed however after July 5, 1550, for not until this day did Naf receive from the council thru investure and partition of the possession of the Kappel cloister the newly created Sennhof as free fief, a further recognition of his deed which Bullinger in his History of the Reformation could still have made use of.

Ludwig Vogel represents the moment, following Bullinger, when the standard-bearer holds in his one hand the city standard wrested from the dying standard-bearer Schwyzer and defends himself with the other. One of the enemies is already grasping for the shaft of the standard, another falls with his hand in the damask and tears a piece out of it. Kambli, however drives the one away with his sword and calls for help to save the honor and symbol of Zurich. As, however, the might of the enemy is about to bear him to the ground, Adam Naf of Vollenweid runs forward with a sword and cuts off the head of the other one who has grasped the standard so that the blood spurted on it; afterwards the blood was plainly seen there. Jungherr Tumysen with his halbred runs forward too and with the help of Adam Naf scatters the enemy to the extent that Kambli with the standard can get up again and go his way.

The Kappel banner and the Naf sword, which are deposited in the Swiss State Museum have been the subjects of investigation of the late Dr. Zeller-Werdmuller in the Zwingliana of 1902. The both trophies were the subjects of individual study. The leather sheath in which the sword has always been kept shows remarkably well the marks of the Sprungli arms stamp, a M. S., possibly of one or two Marx Sprunglis. The participation of a Marx Sprungli in the battle can not be up till now authenticated, not even by the chronicler Bernard Sprungli, who used Antistes Bullinger as his source in his description of both Kappel wars. Zeller-Werdmuller considers the possibility, that already in those days an exchange of sword sheaths had occurred. We might place for the further possibility, that even the sword, that Ludwig Vogel, according to his reproduction, has certainly not seen, had not been originally the property of Adam Naf. Bullinger expresses himself thus, Naf had run forward with a sword, while

he let Kambli cut away with his sword, likewise Tumysen with his halbred. Quite similarly runs the entry in the civic publication of March 10, 1533, Naf had cut off the head of an enemy with his sword. Adam Naf was indeed an ax guard under the command of Hans Huber of Tufenbach, who had ordered him with others to push forward into Buchwaldi. But even as such he could and must be armed with a sufficient weapon, possibly a two-hander. Be it as it may with the original possession of this sword, it is at least another somewhat displaced tradition to be rightly placed. It does concern the rewards which Adam Naf received as his share for his help in saving the standard. In J. Egli's Book of Heraldy of Zurich, as with E. Egli, the Battle of Cappel, and in the genealogical register published by E. Naf-Hah is told, Adam Naf had received an estate for his bravery—E. Egli even speaks of a gift—and was given civic rights. In reality Naf had first received civic rights March 10, 1533 for himself and the Sennhof at Kappel as a mere free fief for six years, not until July 5, 1550, in no manner whatever as a gift. The gift on May 11, 1532 to Uli Dantzler of Nanikon with the so-called Pannergutli at Nanikon may have contributed to the erroneous comprehension of the gift. Bullinger has incorporated this presentation deed in text in his history of the reformation. Of the presentation of civic rights to Danzler on the other hand no trace is found in civic record, and, however, since then his family appears enfranchised ostensibly since 1531 thru gift. If it is not a question of a mere error of omission, it may perhaps be taken for granted that the bestowal of civic rights in 1440 on Hans Tentzler of Nanikon later executed at Blutmatte was still valid or recognized. In the civic record on the other hand the presentation of civic rights is likewise noted.

The entry of the presentation of civic rights to Adam Naf in the civic records of the civic archives of Zurich runs as follows: "Adam Naf of Husenn has been freely granted the right of citizenship by my lords on account of his integrity, when he at the battle of Cappel helped save my lord's standard, honor and mark and cut off the head of an enemy in the act of taking the standard with a battle-sword."

Besides Adam Naf has already received a gift of 20 pounds from the treasury, "since he has helped save the standard."

Bullinger reports, strangely, nothing of these presentations of civic rights, altho he does relate quite decisively, the Council at Zurich had shown its gratitude to Adam Naf by

the granting and division of the estates of the Kappel cloister. In the two plans of 1546 and '48 the administration considered a more productive and less costly management of the cloister estates at Kappel. These estates were divided and granted as three free fiefs: Sennhof, created out of the former Sennti, that is, Sennerei, the timber land, and the tavern.

On July 5, 1550, the mayor and council as overseers, protectors and managers of the cloister at Kappel granted for their better use and benefits to the honorable, and their beloved and loyal Adam Naf of Vollenweid as a legal free fief for six years, the Sennhof of the cloister with the Sennhouse, all barns and hay sheds in the following farms, likewise stabling and whatever stabling there is in the new granary at Sennhouse. But the threshing-floor and the forester in this granary are to be at the disposal of the officials at Kappel, and Naf is not to keep the councilors from threshing in the granary.

Naf received in fief:

In meadows: 53 Mannwerke
In pastures: 94 Jucharten
In fields:
In the first Zelg: G-7 Jucharten in Schuren
In the second Zelg: G-7 Jucharten in Hagenweid
In the third Zelg: 3 Jucharten in Baltenschwend
4 Jucharten in Iselperg
Fields to be ploughed and cultivated.

(Mannwerk and Juchart are Middle High German words of measure which have the same meaning: as much as a man can plough in a day with two oxen.)

Besides he may take wood designated by the councilors from the woods of the cloister at Kappel for building, burning and fencing.

The six year free fief agreement begins on the 16th day of October, 1550.

This fief right is stipulated in detail in nine articles. Naf has accordingly the tenth of all the crops he raised and has to pay a yearly fief rent of 400 pounds. On the other hand he receives for the better cultivation of the land 500 sheaves of litter from the cloister's tenth.

For this "sennti" the council sells him:

25 cows at 10½ gulden.
16 cows not milking at 6 gulden.
12 this year's calves at 2½ gulden.
66 klaster of hay—each klaster 3x6 ft.
21 loads of litter and 300 sheaves of straw, each load of litter and 100 sheaves 1x10.

Nothing at all is said of Adam Naf's deed in the battle of Kappel in the fief agreement. However, this sennti grant in spite of that is considered by Bullinger as a further recognition of his former courageous act. In the draught of the fief papers for his sons in 1571 is expressly added, the council granted this sennhof to the late Adam Naf "for his loyal services and on account of his integrity." Anyway Adam Naf found the fief rent too high, so that already on Nov. 10, 1551, he again wanted to give up the grant. His appointment as deputy-warden of Hausen and Hengst can be considered a further distinction, an office he exercised from 1561-1568. The council presented him besides at Vollenweid in 1549 with a window, in 1562 with a coat of arms, and renewed and increased such gifts to the different members of the family in the 17th century. At the religious festival of the year 1562 Adam Naf as deputy-warden of Hausen in his turn presented the council with a whole ox.

Adam Naf did not manage the newly built Sennhof himself; he remained rather at the farm of his brother Hans at Vollenweid in the Hausen district, while his sons in part moved to Kappel and with their children gradually caused to be built the small hamlet Nafenhauser. A division of the upper and lower Sennhof took place a little before 1617.

The family form "Nevo" can already be shown in the 13th century in Zurich and neighborhood. In the Zurich district Nevo appear in the year 1340 at the manor or "Niedorn Horwe in the Horgerberg on the Egg. The hamlet Rengg on the Albis in the present parish of Langnau was probably the point of departure for the majority of all the present Naf families of the Canton of Zurich. In the Sempach war on the 2nd and 10th of January 1386 Rudi Naff of Rengg who managed a manor belonging to the Kappel cloister and Hans Naf who managed a manor belonging to Rengg at Schnobelburg won the civil right of Zurich.

Hans Naf the ancestor of the Nafs of Kappel came to the manor Vollenweid in the Hausen district either direct from Rengg or the roundabout way over Thalwil. In 1495 when he, contrary to prohibition, entered the military service of the French, he is designated as Heli Huber's son-in-law at Vollenweid. After he took part as a free vassal in the Milan campaign and the battle at Marignano, he fell in 1531 with Konrad and Rudolf Naf in the battle at Kappel.

Hans Naf left four sons, of whom Adam and Marx at least took part in the battle. The latter was wounded and was compensated for a part of the physician's charge by the council; he lived in Heisch near Hausen. A third son Rudolf,

who in 1536 managed a manor on the Albis, is the ancestor of a large **Miller-family** at Langnau, Gottikon and Zurich, who in part (Zacharias and his son) likewise received Zurich civil rights in 1603 and from whom the present "fore Buchenegg" in the Stallikon district received the name "Nafenhauser." These emigrated in the first half of the 18th century from Wallisellen to America, and there numerous representative Neff's descend from these Nafenhausers. The offspring of a fourth son Hans still flourish today at Hausen.

Our Adam Naf tried his fortune as a young attendant of the Warden family Huber in the Vollenweid at Gluckshafen in 1504. Hans the father and Tryni the mother appeared at Hofen with the step-parents Uli and Adelheid Huber in the Vollenweid. We have to present then Adam Naf in the battle of Kappel as a man in his best years. From him descends the entire present old Zurich Naf family (authenticated), a part of which still lives in Kappel.

Adam Naf departed this life before November 6, 1571, for on this day the loved and faithful Adam, Jacob and Joachim Naf of Vollenweid again received as free fief from the mayor and council at Zurich the Sennhof of Kappel cloister in place of their departed father, which he received in fief on account of his faithful service and integrity. Adam was the most able of them. The same relatives stood guarantee for them, who in 1550 stood for Adam Naf the elder, among them the brothers Marx Naf of Heisch and Rudi Naf at Ratolsperg.

These three sons of old Adam too on August 12, 1575 were honored by receiving the Zurich civil rights on account of their departed father's services at Kappel. At that time Joachim lived at Rifferswil and in 1587 moved to the Mill at Maschwandon. Their brother Heinrich on the other hand (who as nearly at 1564 lived on the Sennhof at Kappel and in the same year was separated from his unfaithful wife Margaretha Grob of Cham), became either shareholder at the Sennhof or a citizen at Zurich. As a dowry transaction of the year 1570 shows, old Adam had several daughters, altogether at least nine children.

Verena: Husband Felix Suter of Zimmerburg.
N.: Husband Heini Berli of Heisch.
Anna: Husband Gorius Russer.
Elsbeth: Husband Wolfgang Berli, Heini's brother.
N.: Husband Peter Bar of Uerzlikon.

The free fief estates of Upper and Lower Sennhof were on May 5, 1915 changed into hereditary fiefs, and only yet in the memory of the Nafs still living today in Kappel have

the properties in that place become the real property of the different Naf families. Great plans of the free fiefs of the Kappel district of the years 1738 and 1805 give exact information concerning the Naf families who held the fiefs of Upper and Lower Sennhof at that time.

The historical significance of the family was only rightly awakened in the 19th century. A charming copper engraving of the All-Zurich music society by M. Usteri, and F. Hegi in 1814 shows the Zurich family at the exhibition of the Naf sword at Kappel. On the occasion of a procession of the meissen guild in 1820 the guild represented the saving of the banner by Adam Naf. The sword of Adam Naf under a canopy followed the genuine old Zurich banner carried by a descendant, master Rudolf Naf, member of the guild at Meissen; the latter received the commemorative medal of the Saffron Guild. The first honor of uniting the members of the family goes to Architect Emil Naf-Hah, who drew up a genealogical tree, arranged the 350 year commemorative celebration and finally on May 11, 1884 instituted the Naf family foundation with family celebrations.

In 1900 Karl Naf-Gallman in Kappel bequeathed the sword of the founder of the family Adam Naf to the family; in 1904 Mrs. Gertrud Tneichler-Naef founded the house foundation and in 1913 Edwin Naef-Michel left to the new institution the one family house in Kappel, more exact the half of the Lower Sennhof house. In this house lately a fitting living room in late Gothic style has been furnished by Architect Alfred Naf.

FRIEDRICH HEGI NAEF.

The following is a copy of the obituary of Edwin Naef sent to Mrs. Neff, wife of E. E. Neff, M. D., by the daughter Isabelle, at the time of his death.

"With great sorrow we notify kinsmen, friends and well known acquaintances with a heartfelt love, in memory of a true and faithful husband, father, brother, brother-in-law and uncle, Edwin Naef Michael, who died suddenly at 5 o'clock of apoplexy at the age of 59 years.

Zurich 1. 17 May, 1913.
Auf. der Maur 1.

In the name of the sorrowing friends

Rosa Naef Michel,
Isabella Naef.

The quiet funeral will take place Tuesday the twentieth day of May, 1913, at 3 o'clock."

It is very interesting to know that the original Naefen house at Kappel, which was owned by Mr. Edwin Naef of Zurich, Switzerland, belongs now to the Naefenstiftung.

The Naefenstiftung is an institution to give money to poor Naefs for study, etc. The house will be arranged as a holiday station for the Naefs, and will in the future always be in the possession of the Naefs.

"To the honorable members of the Neff family of Kappel and Zurich.

Dear Friends:

We take the honor to invite you to the Eleventh principle meeting of the Neffs Family Fund, with which a family reunion will be connected Sunday, May 25, 1913 at Kappel.

I. 10:15 Programme Assembling at the Neff's Homestead.

II. 10:30 Annual meeting at the Homestead where the following business will be transacted.

(a) Reading minutes of previous meeting.

(b) Auditing Expenses and Accounts of 1910 and 1912.

(c) Election of Officers and Auditors.

(d) Report of the President.

(e) Any changes in rules and regulations that were given to the Officers a week prior to meeting will be considered.

III. 11:30 Dinner at Hotel Post in Kappel at 3 Fr. each.

(N. B.) (Supper and wine is paid by the Association.)

Guests who are distant relatives of the Neff family or any relationship to the family are cordially invited.

Trusting all will come, we remain sincerely, the Officers of the Neff Family Fund."

To the courtesy of a friend and correspondent in Canton Zurich, the compiler is indebted for the following description, of the festival of the Swiss Nafs in 1881:*

Gedenkblatt
An die
Nafen-Feier
gehalten in Kappel
den 11 Oktober, 1881
Am 350 jaehrigen Gedaechtnisstage der Kappeler
Schlacht
Den Stammegnossen gewidmet
von
Arnold Naf—Schnorf
Pfarrer.

—TRANSLATION—

Remembrance Pamphlet
of the
Naf celebration held in Kappel on the 11th of October
1881
On the 350th Anniversary of the Battle of Kappel
Dedicated to the members of the family by
Arnold Naf—Schnorf
Clergyman.

"It was a mild autumnal day of the year 1881. From different sides we saw on the 11th of October members of the Naf family journeying to Kappel, the village that is so pleasantly situated at the foot of the Albis range and at the entrance of the Alpine world.

"Joined with their family relations who live there, they wished to hold a family festival in grateful memory of their ancestor, Adam Naf, who, 350 years before, in the battle near Kappel, rescued the standard of Zurich.

"In the early morning, streaks of mist hung over the landscape, but little by little the country brightened up, and when the festal pilgrims entered Kappel they were greeted by clear sunshine. In the Hotel Muehle (Mill), where at that time one of the Nafs was landlord, the stranger guests found the most cordial welcome, not only on the part of the landlord, but also from the already assembled members of the family, who are here domiciled in Kappel.

"The large room of the house had been ingeniously adorned with ivy and all sorts of national emblems by well wishing

*Rev. Arnold Naf, Ruschlikon, Canton Zurich, Switzerland.

hands, and on the south wall sparkled the ancestor's ancient sword and escutcheon, embroidered with wreaths. At ten o'clock A. M. the number of partakers had grown to nearly seventy. In joyful association they exchanged greetings, learned to know each other, and forthwith grew together into a family, and took refreshment as they needed it.

"Towards eleven o'clock all the participants went up the main street to Zwinglisten (Zwingli monument,) whither the serious part of the festival had been removed. Around the monument the neighbors had wound wreaths and had erected a simple platform before it. On the left and right of this platform were placed the boys and girls, who had been dressed in the ancient Swiss costume and the colors of Zurich.

"Around about these the other festival folks placed themselves. On the opposite elevated side of Albis street a considerable multitude of people from the neighborhood assembled themselves. The whole presented all the more a picturesque and festival sight, as the scene was sweetly lighted by the autumnal sun.

"Then a member of the Naf family ascended the platform to deliver an address, the tenor of which was as follows:

"Honored Ones, Dear Relatives and Friends:

"To this memorable place I bid you all at the outset, in the name and by order of the committee that has invited you to to-day's celebration, a hearty welcome.

"Last New Year an honored friend (From foot note, the architect, Mr. Emil Naf, Hatt) surprised and rejoiced us with a newly prepared ancestral tree of our race, from Adam's time down, for which hearty thanks ought to be here returned to him. The thought soon became public that it would be nice if all persons who there stand so peaceably together on the paper should also come together in nature once, so far as they are yet living, in order to look one another in the eye, and fellow like to press the hand.

"This idea found, wherever one expressed and discussed it, everywhere general approbation. Therefore it was not difficult to come to the resolution to lay hands to the work and to invite to a little festival all, young and old, who are reckoned in our family.

"We were at first undecided, whether we ought to call the reunion together at Zurich or our native town, Cappel. But soon the leaning towards the original home overruled, and

with jubilant hearts we joined in the watchword: Let the native and homely Cappel be our place of meeting and festivity: There, where Zwingli stood so faithful to his work, and sealed it with his heart's blood—there, where our blessed ancestor heroically swung the battle sword and rescued the banner of Zurich—there, and in no other place, shall our meeting again be celebrated.

"Concerning the time of our coming together we soon came to an agreement. Today's 350th anniversary of the battle of Cappel, of Zwingli's death, and of the glorious deed of our ancestor, appeared to us without any thing farther as the time as if given for our purpose. We accordingly let our invitations fly joyfully out into the world in every direction, where people dwell in whose veins the blood of the Nafs flows.

"Our hope did not delude us. You received our invitation kindly, and today, the 11th of October, have completely burst upon Cappel.

"Not only from the neighboring Naf houses, but from greater distances many of you have hastened hither.

"Thanks for this, and to all a hearty welcome to this consecrated spot of earth.

"May the hours of our association be such that they shall remain a happy recollection to us to the end of our life. May this be our reward, that old ties of friendship, of love, and fellowship be renewed among us, and new ones be knit and that our hearts may glow more powerfully for the highest blessings of life, for which there was once a struggle in this place; and when we return home in the evening, each one to his sphere of life, may it be with the feeling in the heart and the acknowledgement on the tongue: It was a beautiful, good day: thank God that I was permitted to live, to see and celebrate it:

"The unostentatious festival, that unites us today, belongs undoubtedly to the most peculiarly pleasing that can take place. It is of a sad, domestic sort, passes quietly away and in a narrow frame, and yet our view is by it involuntarily widened, fatherland and church stir our hearts, the forms of heroes of former days move before our eyes. The historical ground, upon which we stand, the delightful country that lies in sunshine before us, lend our festival a superior ratification.

"Even nature speaks here powerfully to the soul.

"In few places does a more charming, sublime panorama present itself than from here towards the south, where Rigi dips its foot in the dark waves of Lake Zug, and Pilatus

stretches aloft its rough, wonderful rock peaks, and in the back ground the snow mountains with their glaciers and piles of last year's snow tower towards heaven. Still more charmingly than here by Zwingli's monument an outlook presents itself to the friend of nature, yonder on the heights towards Ebertsweil, than which he can scarcely have found one more wonderful far and near.

"Yet much more cordially does this rural neighborhood address us for this reason, because we call it more strictly our home. With it the career of most of us is most closely linked.

"Many of you have yet at this hour, here your sphere of action, your family, the place in which you daily work with and care for your dear ones, are rejoiced and bear the burdens that are laid upon you, till you go to your eternal home. Many of us were born here. Down yonder in the houses, that look up from between the trees at us, stood our cradles. Over these meads we wandered in the happy time of youth, plucked flowers on them, and wound them into wreaths. Through those forests we strode and meditated on harmless adventures, till riper age and the seriousness of life called us to go other ways. It seems to me as if every tree and every path in this neighborhood would tell me many things of that time of youth, free from care, that has long since vanished; and this morning when I once again from a distance saw the church spire of my native place wink over at me, my heart longed to break forth in the Jubilee-Home, over every thing in the world—for thee only do our hearts beat, thou alone art our world. O, let us greet thee anew and embrace thee with thankful love, thou dear, trusted home: Let those, who here stay year in and year out in joy and in sorrow, greet thee: Let us, who were born here, but later have found our little place far from thee, greet thee: Let those also, who see thee today for the first time, greet thee: Receive us all kindly and peaceably, let us be right glad of thee, awake in our hearts new love to thee: But when we remember the historical consequence, that belongs to this vicinity, we can not refrain from deeper and more earnest expressions.

"Yonder stood and yet stands in its ruins the Cistercian Convent, founded in the year 1185 by the barons of Eschenbach. Many storms passed over it in the course of the century. It was long a lamp of knowledge, faith and Christian life for a wide circuit. When other cloisters had long since fallen in with every possible ruin, men yet lived behind its walls, who had preserved hearts open for the truth and every thing good, and fostered an influential school. It early opened

its doors to the Reformation; its last venerable abbot, Wolfgang Joner, fought in the battle for the cause of the gospel, fell alongside of Zwingli, and was buried with hundreds in the 'old cellar in the barn' (at Scheuren). That brings me to the memorable, war-like event, of which Cappel was the scene, 350 years ago. At least, in brief I will and must join in that event, in order to place the deed of our family sire, Adam Naf, in the right connection and in the proper light.

"From 1519 on, Ulrich Zwingli, in Zurich, from the pulpit of the great Cathedral, worked for the renovation of the Christian belief and life in the ground of the simple, wholesome gospel of Jesus Christ. His reformation ideas found approbation first in Zurich, then also in Berne, Basil, St. Gallen, and elsewhere. The interior cantons, on the contrary, the five old places, remained conservative, and showed themselves resolved, in respect to the main points, to abide by the teachings and customs of the hitherto church. Mutual collisions arose, which increased from year to year. Political intentions and personal interests, that mixed in, made the separation so much greater and more dangerous.

"In the year 1527 the reformed classes made us the Christian citizenship, an alliance for the promotion of the reformation ideas. The Catholic places replied by going into an alliance, at Waldsbut, in April, 1529, with Austria, the old hereditary enemy of the members of the alliance, that had been repulsed on the Morgarten near Sempach and Nafels, at so dear a price. From this resulted the first Cappel war. What would have been better fought out by the weapons of the spirit, of faith, and of love, they must, alas, decide by the sword.

"On the 9th of June, 1529, the standard of Zurich, with 4,000 men, moved toward Cappel. On the following 10th of June, the declaration of enmity was sent over to the (5) five cantons, that had collected on the Baarerboden, and on the same day the boundary was crossed and the little territory of Zug was invaded by soldiery. The common people in both camps were, however, not so hostile as many of their leaders. Mutual visits were made. Well known is the charming tradition of a repast of milk soup on a land-mark on heaps of stone or turf.

"The noble Landamman (a Swiss magistrate), Hans Aebli, of Clarus whose heart was long since almost wrung, over confederates being willing to go to war against each other, observed an inclination towards a friendly intercourse on both sides.

"Like a second Niklaus of the Flue, in the last agreed upon hour, he placed himself between the combative camps. His pathetic plea for peace found a hearing. Negotiations were brought about and led to the wished for result. Without a drop of blood having flown the first public peace was brought about on the 25th day of June, 1529. The same required, among other things, that the five cantons should give up the documents relating to the confederation with Austria. After long delay it was given up. In the hall of the convent in this place Landamman Aebli tore it into shreds, that its contents should not be known and the flame of passion kindled anew. But the troops of both parties returned home exulting, glad of the peace, to their cottages. But the gaping wound was only superficially closed. The peace was not to be of long duration. Zwingli, who looked deeper, had prophetically foretold it, when he said to Aebli, 'Alas, dear good father, this peace is our destruction.' The old frictions continued and new ones were added; on both sides the souls constantly became more incensed. As early as the year 1531 the second Cappel war followed, after several acts of hostility on both sides had occurred and the reformed had decreed against the interior cantons an embargo on the exportation of grain. This time it was the Catholic clans who got the start of the careless reformed with the declaration of war. On the 9th of October their messengers assembled at Brunnen and resolved to resort to arms. On the 9th and 10th of October they drew their war power together near Zug on the Baarerboden.

"In order to offer resistance, the people from the neighborhood first of all assembled near Cappel. Many messengers hastened to Zurich to make the danger known there. On the 10th of October, in the evening, Zurich sent a vanguard of several hundred, and with a few guns, by way of the Alvis, under the lead of Sir George Goldli, of Tiefenau, and Peter Fussli, captain of rifles. At the same time the people of Kilchberg, Thalweil, and Horgen were warned to set out for Cappel. Upon new alarm reports Zurich, finally, in the evening at seven o'clock, let the common storm be promulgated, in order to be able soon to follow with the main standard. But it was too late, for as early as the next day, Wednesday, the 11th of October, on the day of the inoffensive infant, a bloody battle took place at Cappel. I must surely, for want of time, forbear to paint in detail the particulars of this fight, yet I must mention the main points, because that much will be necessary to bring the deed of Adam Naf plainly before our eyes. The army of the five cantons, on the 11th of October, on the Baarerboden, held its divine service, prayed five Pater-

nosters and five Ave Marias, and sent a messenger with the challenge to Cappel. Then it set forth and towards noon appeared beyond the convent in Schonenbuhl (Sconen Hill) and on Mount Islis. Goldli, with the vanguard and the forces from the neighborhood, took a position at Scheuren; that is, near the now existing Naf houses. Many urged him to retreat to the wall situated at Munchbuhl (Munch Hill); others advised against it, and Goldli was not willing to give his consent. Forthwith a fight developed between the vanguard of the five cantons and Goldli's troops. The former advanced by way of Langfeld towards the latter, but were kept in check by the Zurich guns, and were not able, from the difficulties of the ground, to come nearer. They soon desisted from further advance and withdrew to their own by way of Lindenfeld. In the afternoon the army of the five cantons changed its position. From the south side of the convent it moved by way of the Bidenlos meadow to the chapel of St. Marks, past the present churchyard, by way of Hofacker and Allenwinden to Ebertsweiler summit. During this dislocation many Zurichers wished to fall upon the enemy, as they imagined, 'now they are ours'; but Goldli and others hindered it. The Catholics had scarcely reached the summit when the Zurichers, with the main standard, came up, between three and four o'clock, led by Rudolf Lavater, governor of Kyburg, originally Glaser, and William Toning, captain of rifles, landlord of the Red House, accompanied by Ulrich Zwingli as chaplain. The troops were tired and numbered scarcely 700 men. When at the Albis some advised to wait the arrival of the troops marching behind. Lavater and Zwingli exhorted them to hasten forward in order to assist their distressed brothers.

"The Zurichers, at most 2,000 men, had to oppose themselves to 8,000 enemies, it is said. Immediately after the arrival the Zurichers arranged their battle lines. The 'upper troop' or right wing took position at Scheuren, beyond the Naf houses; the 'hinder troop' or left wing behind the Zwingli monument, northeast from the same. The latter wing constituted the 'power band', with the main standard. It was decided by the leaders in the camp of the five cantons to defer the attack till the following day. But John Jauch, of Uri, ventured into the Scheuren wood, a little beach grove, between Ebertsweiler summit and the main force of the Zurichers, that had been left unoccupied. He looked on just as a part of the Zurichers withdrew towards Munch Hill, and disorder on their account reigned. The moment seemed to him a favorable one for an attack. With a few hundred he rushed forth independently from the beech grove towards the enemy.

The leader of his party quickly perceived it to be advantageous not to leave Jauch in the lurch, but to take up, with all his force, the battle independently begun by him. And so they advanced in two divisions towards the Zurichers from the beech grove out against the left wing, behind the Zwingli monument, and through the Cappel meadow, against the right wing at Scheuren. Vehemently surged the fight; it was fought with heroic courage; the Catholics saw themselves repeatedly pressed back. But the superiority was too great. In an hour's time, towards five o'clock, the dice had fallen and the battle was decided fatally to the Zurichers. The wing at Scheuren was pressed back, and the enemy now succeeded in falling upon the side of the wing behind the Zwingli monument. Yonder, by the moss-covered tomb and the Zwingli tree was the most bloody struggle. Yonder the standard-bearer, John Schweizer, held aloft the banner of Zurich, and, like a hero, inflamed the fighters to its defense. Yonder, in the midst of the danger, stood the leaders, Lavater and Toning, the latter of whom fell. Yonder, in the foremost ranks, Zwingli exhorted the fighters and comforted the dying, till he himself, wounded on head and thigh, sank down, crying out 'What is this for a calamity? You are able to kill the body, but not the soul.' The motion of the fight became constantly more violent; but the standard-bearer would not yield. The enemy pressed constantly more powerfully on the troop of Zurichers; these fell by hundreds around the standard. Now flight became the order of the day with the rear guard, especially after Zuger had mingled himself with the Zurichers and called to them, that they should fly and save themselves. After long resistance the standard-bearer, Master John Schweizer, of the forges, was also carried away. He reached the mill stream. When he attempted to cross he fell in, and weighed down by his arms, he perished. Standard-bearer Kleinbaus Kambli rescued the banner from the hands of the dying one, and hastened farther with it. Some of the enemy overtook him; one of these had already seized the banner; Kambli cried: 'Is there no honorable Zurichers there to save his army's banner?' This Adam Naf, from Vollenweid, heard. This was the decisive moment, when this dear man approached as rescuer of the standard. As arquebusier, under John Huber, of Teufenbach, he had already fought manfully in the battle. Now he courageously swung his sword that he carried with him, and struck from its body the head of the enemy that had seized the banner. Jungbaus Thumysen, who afterwards fell near the church in Hansen, aided him in the fight with the halberd. Kleinbaus Kambli was able to hurry farther

with banner. On the other side Ulrich Denzler, of Nanikon, took it and brought it uninjured to the Albis. Kambli also recovered himself, and was able during the night to mount the hill. On the field of battle and in the flight the Zurichers left 512 of their number behind, among them 25 clergymen, 26 members of the council, and 65 other citizens of the town. Two large graves, one at the old cellar at Scheuren, and another on the right of the road to Zurich, before you come to the mill creek, were afterwards their resting place. The Catholics took their killed, the number of whom has remained unknown, with them, and placed them in the church-yard at Baar. The approach of night made an end of the pursuit of the fleeing Zurichers at the foot of the Albis. The five cantons turned back to the field of battle, thanked God, and unfortunately cooled the passion of their enraged souls yet on the dead and wounded.

"Zwingli, lying in the struggle of death, was also discovered among these. After he refused to deny his faith, Captain Bockinger, from Unterwalden, gave him the death thrust. In the morning, despite the dissuasions of many leaders, his body was quartered and burned by the executioner from Lucerne. But Chaplain John Schonbrunnar, of Zug, who had formerly been canon of the Cathedral of Our Lady, in Zurich, spoke this magnanimous word concerning the dying Zwingli: 'Of whatever faith you were, you were still a good ally.' Zwingli's body they have killed and burned, but his soul lives, and his work for God has not yet been destroyed. The word of truth, that his mouth announced, resounded yet again to-day in our hearts. His blood, that they have poured out, became holy seed, from which ripened, and shall further ripen, fruits which remain forever. After this battle followed many disturbances and events unfavorable to the Reformation, like the battle on the Gubel.

"Finally negotiations for peace were brought about. A month later on, the 15th and 16th of November, the second public peace was arranged in a meadow near Deinikin, between Cappel and Baar, by ambassadors from both sides, and on the 20th of November, it was ratified in Zug. That it was a more unfavorable one for the reformed than the first one is evident. Delays of all sort, that had occured simultaneously between the city and province of Zurich, found their release through the Cappel letter agreed upon on the 1st of December. Subsequently, at Zurich, an investigation was instituted against Lavater, the leader of the main force, and against Goldli, the commander of the vanguard, because they were

accused of having brought on the sad result of the battle by inconsiderate, yea treasonable actions.

"Both went forth from the investigation as guiltless. Lavater retained the office of Judge of Kyburg, and afterwards rose to great honor as he filled the office of Burgomaster for 13 terms from 1544. He died in 1557. Goldli, on the contrary, found it necessary to leave; he changed his settlement to Constance, where he died in 1536.

"His brother Casper, who had already years before taken up his abode at Lucerne, fought at Cappel in the ranks of the five cantons.

"After the war the council of Zurich honored several men, who had distinguished themselves in battle, by especial rewards and high attestations of honor.

"Kleinbaus Kambli, the bearer of the banner, and one of the rescuers of the same, received the management of the governorship of Egislau (1532-44). To Ulrich Denzler, of Nanikon, was presented the citizenship of Zurich, and the so-called 'little banner estate,' was given out to him. The council, in the spring of 1533, likewise honored and rewarded our worthy ancestor, Adam Naf, of Vollenweid, by bestowing upon him and his descendents the citizenship of the town of Zurich, further with the surrender in fee of the herdsman's house at Scheuren, on extremely advantageous conditions.

"We have assembled here to-day in order to lay upon the grave of this, our noble ancestor, Adam Naf, a wreath of honored and thankful remembrance. We honor and praise his bravery, his courage, his presence of mind, with which he distinguished himself during and after the battle. We honor and praise his love for the fatherland and for his narrower home, which inflamed him to expose his heart to the enemy.

"We honor and praise his hearty assent to the good cause of the gospel, which drove him into the ranks of those who fought around Zwingli. We honor and praise his love to wife and child, which pressed the sword into his hand to fight that his homely hearth might not be invaded.

"He was a brave old ally, a whole man, to whom God and the fatherland and family lay near to the heart, and it fills us with noble pride to be able to call him our sire.

"At this celebration of the memory of him we bow to show ourselves worthy of him, to stand as he, true to the banner of our country, to Zwingli's church, to the pure gospel and word of God, to wife and child.

"On this soil, which drunk the blood of the noblest, we pledge our word to fight for everything that is good, and that

please God: to exhibit a heart glowing for whatever benefits home, church and our family.

"May scions never be wanting even to the latest descendents of our race, who may do honor to our ancestor, and worthily plant his name wider. Three and a half centuries now has the dear God, blessing and guarding, ruled over our family. From the depths of our hearts we to-day with one accord present to him for this the offering of thanks.

"But may he be with us still farther, carry us on and on, on the wings of his power and love, and permit the Naf trunk to bear to the latest time twig and branches, healthy and green with life.

"The circumstances that it was held in the open air, on the consecrated spot itself, where, 350 years before, the battle heavy with consequences took place, lent to this simple festival a peculiar charm, and significance.

"At the thought of what took place here once, many an eye was moistened. After they had given themselves up to various earnest observations in the way of conversation, for a while longer they took leave of the Zwingli monument in order to make the Naf houses a visit, of which Adam's family mansion was adorned with wreaths. A few decades ago still only Nafs lived here. Modern time has now asserted its right even here, as a part of the houses have passed into strange hands. From the Naf houses a pleasant foot path leads through green meadows to the near convent. This way this festival caravan now took in order to reach the church of the former convent, the no longer public church. As a precious monument to Gothic art it stands there in the midst of green meadows in face of the majestic mountains.

"With hearts lifted up the feast fellows wandered through its holy spaces, the lofty middle nave, the two side naves, the great choir. The existing grave-stones spoke of times long past of the founders and supporters of the convent. The paintings on glass yet remaining restored by Rottinger, awakened a suspicion of the splendor that had once spread over this house of God, of the holy art that had once found here a consecrated place. The dates, 1527 and '28, on the pulpit and baptismal font, recalled those days when the gospel came to light again here, in order to awake a new spring time for souls. And that it might not end with the mere thoughtful looking at the silent, venerable spaces, but might elevate the hearts, some choral songs were harmoniously sung.

"With this closed the earnest part of the celebration.

"The proper hour was now at hand to return to the 'Mill,' in order at a festive meal to yield themselves to generous joy and come yet nearer to each other.

"All the guests were well entertained by their relative, the landlord. Whatever strengthens mankind and rejoices his heart was richly provided.

"Soon one mouth after another opened itself in order to regale the assembled ones with mental delights in prose and poetry, and to give expression to the enthusiastic and earnest holiday thoughts that moved the hearts of all. Two strange guests, who had in a friendly manner accepted the invitation to the feast, also spoke to the company; the clergyman of the place of festivity, and a curate from Lake Zurich, who without knowing of the pictured celebration was making a visit to the field of battle.

"The deed of the ancestor was praised in song. We heard his battle sword speak in poetical representation. The family tree was ingeniously and humorously arranged and grouped. The glasses resounded to the welfare of the young generation. A second toast was given to the absent ones.

"The festival mood was kept up by declamation; in the midst of all, letter and telegrams of greeting from Zurich, Yoerdon, and Pesth were read. In the course of the beautiful sunshiny afternoon, a part of the festival guests took a walk to the Ebertsweiler summit, past the little forest that had been so fatal for the battle. All saw themselves richly rewarded and refreshed by the outlook to the plain of the Baarerbodens (ground about Baar), the Rigi, and Pilatus, and the snow peaks of the wreath of Alps. On their return they found the young world engaged in song and dance. Once again the entire company assembled. But swiftly flew the hours and only too early fell the night on the native fields and warned the far dwelling ones to return home.

"Surely all went home with thankful feeling in the heart; those were hours of joy and pleasure that we have spent in celebration. We were united by a family festival of the most beautiful kind; at the same time we felt our breasts strike higher for fatherland and church, for that which remains above all change.

"What on that day was found out may work on in the souls of all and ripen to precious fruits. After 50 years, when the most of us are no longer here, be it permitted a new generation, happy, fresh, and free to celebrate the 400th Jubilee of our family and of the battle of Cappel.

"Under the protection and blessing of the Most High, may the race of Nafs grow and flourish on and on.

Amen"

"To those of the name of Neff this locality should be always cherished, for upon Adam Naf and his descendants was bestowed the citizenship of the town of Zurich. But its charm does not end with this signal character. Down yonder beyond Cappel in the houses that look up from between the trees stood the cradles of others of our name, upon whose lives the world has paid its tribute of honor. From this rugged country came Barbara Neff, whose faith in the reformed religion was as firm and solid as the hills of her native Zurich. She could not be shaken, and for her cause, she together with many of her heroic countrymen, suffered death between 1630 and 1643.*

"Almost within the influence of the Cistercian Convent Felix Neff was born. He who was an earnest Protestant and zealous worker became, when twenty-one years of age, a pastor of the High Alps, going from hamlet to hamlet on the mountains of Switzerland, bearing the good news of the gospel, every-where his presence being hailed with delight, turning many souls from the darkness into the light.

"His energy and earnestness being greater than his physical strength, the latter gave way at the age of thirty-one, he dying on the 12th of April, 1829.**

"From this sublime locality, where one can look towards the south where Rigi dips its foot in the dark waves of Lake Zug, and Pilatus stretches aloft its rough, wonderful rock peaks," came Timoleon Carl von Neff, an artist of eminence, who wandered from these artistic scenes to die in Russia.*** How strange it is that the spot of all others that should rejoice the heart of the artist, and which should produce the largest number of such people, is of all others so devoid of artists; but if one does find embosomed within his soul there such talent, as did Timoleon, they wander to other countries less picturesque.

*It is singular that portions of the family held such a tradition regarding the martyrdom of Barbara before the record confirmed it. See Rupp's History of Lancaster Co., Penna., page 72.

**Life of Felix Neff, pastor of the High Alps. American Sunday School Union print.

***Timoleon Carl von Neff, painter of the picture of St. Isaac of Dalmatia, in the Cathedral of St. Petersburg. Died in St. Petersburg in 1879.

"Out of this land filled with grand memories and grander scenes, Paul Neff went forth to make his name famous as a publisher at Stuttgart, and who now points with pride to his ancestral home in Switzerland.*

"In the midst of all the grand and majestic scenery of the place rise the mounds to mark the graves of four brothers who fell in one battle, an undoubted attestation of the valor of the name.**

"In this locality, where the Neff family are so prevalent, it is gratifying to learn, as a historical fact, that its people are among the most prosperous and best educated workingmen in Europe.

"And it is comforting to people whose parentage claims home there, that its people were so progressive and advanced as to make it one of the earliest seats of the cotton manufacture in Europe, and that its looms and spindles have for years produced a product in demand throughout civilization.

"Its corn and pasture lands, its vineyards and orchards, are evidences of the quiet peaceful industry of a people whose representatives scattered out upon the earth are making their lives a reflection of their fatherland. With all these facts before one it will be no wonder if the mind turns eagerly to any chronicle or romance regarding the name of Neff. Do not believe that all that is to follow will be sunshine.

"The heroes are human as are all others who enter into this history, and may err, and as "into each life some rain must fall, some days be dark and dreary," so we may find it to have been for them and their descendants. What in the lives of any of those whose history may enter into the chapters of this volume is good and Christ-like, take that home to yourself—and wherein they have done ill forgive, and may their failure be but as a lighthouse, to turn you away from the same reef."

*Paul Neff, publisher, Stuttgart, Germany.

**The above fact is attested by Paul Neff of Stuttgart.

The compiler had the extreme pleasure of being in Zurich, Switzerland, on October 11, 1931, to attend the anniversary of Adam Naef and the Neff family. It being commemorated in conjunction with that of Ulrich Zwingli.

Since Adam Naef figured so prominently in the battle of the Reformation, it was decided by the members of the family of that period to commemorate the historic occasion every fifty years, this being the 400th anniversary.

Our drive of thirty miles to Kappel from Zurich was through a beautiful green valley with winding streams, and foliage with the most gorgeous autumnal tints and shades.

In the old church of the village were displayed relics such as sword, battle axe and helmet, also a banner which Adam Naef rescued in the battle, it having been made in the year of 1437 and is in a fine state of preservation.

We had lunch with members of the Naef family in the original "Naefen Hause" built in the 13th century, with its quaint furniture, porcelain stove, etc., and paintings on the walls and ceilings depicting scenes of the period.

The day was bright, sunshiny and warm. The people began to gather from far and near until the knoll in the midst of this beautiful green valley, surrounded by high mountains, was covered with an estimated number of over 25,000.

Here is the grave and monument of Zwingli where the speakers stood, three in number. A microphone was installed and the great mass of people could hear every word they uttered.

The first speaker described Zwingli and his work, on what he thought was the simple truth among the people in and about the Canton of Zurich to the time of the battle.

The second described the battle, Zwingli sacrificing his life, and the rescuing of the banner by Adam Naef.

The third described the influence the battle of the Reformation had on the religious beliefs on future generations.

The exercises were interspersed with music by a band playing "Old Swiss Folk Songs" and the multitude singing, which was most impressive as the melodies reverberated from the hills 'round about.

Thus ended the day so full of interest and beauty, bringing together friends and relatives from far and near, many being in their native Swiss garb, adding a distinctive touch to the already wonderful setting of hill and vale and snow-capped peaks beyond, only such a scene as lovely Switzerland can offer. And yet, sad—for many gathered there can only trust that future generations may carry on what is, and has been so sacred and reverently observed for so many centuries in the past.

GENEALOGY OF NEFF FAMILY

From Public Documents

Anno. Regni.

Georgius II Regis.
Magna Butanoria Franius & Herbunia.
Testios.

Francis Neiff, Heinrich Neiff and Johann Heinrich Neiff, were banished from Switzerland on account of their religious opinions (Mennonites) and were amongst the earliest Settlers of Lancaster County, Penna., about the year 1717 and were naturalized in the year 1829 settled in what was called, Manner Land, now Mannor Township, Lancaster County, Pa.

Francis had sons born to him, Daniel, Henry, Jacob and three Daughters, one was married to Staines, one to Keller and one to Flory.

Francis Son) : Daniel was married to Miss Erb, who had sons born to them, Henry, John, and Jacob and two Daughters; Barbara was married to D. Musselman, afterward to Dwt. P. Levine; Anny was married to Isaac Kauffman.

Francis Son), Henry marriage not known,) who had one son, Henry, moved to Virginia 12 miles above Wheeling, and had five Daughters, names not known, one was married to Emanuel Reigard Lu-t., one was married to Musser, and one to Rohrar, one to Steaman and one to Trydle.

Francis Son.—Jacob was married to Miss Kauffman, by whom he had sons, Henry who died single, John married Miss Swar, Jacob married Miss Gohanous who had five Daughters, Elizabeth married to Miller, afterward to Nipley; Barbara married Myers, afterward to Heneberger; Anny married J. Swar (Miller) ; Magdelene married to Sehner; Susan married to Ruth Jacob; second wife Miss Archer, children; Catherine married H. Cassel, Polly Flory and Henry who died Single.

Francis Son)—John marriage not known, nor any of his family.

Daniel's Son. Henry was married to Miss Oberholser, had sons Christian, Henry, Daniel, John, David and Jacob and three Daughters, Barbara married to Henry Brubacher, Magdalene married to Isaac Kauffman, Nancy married to Joshua Kehler.

Daniel' Son)—Daniel marriage not known, who had one Daughter born to him, Susan, was married to Benjamin Musser.

Daniel' Son :N
John : John was married to Miss Kauffman, who had Sons born to him, John, Andrew,
My Great Grandfather : (My Grandfather); Jacob, Daniel, Isaac, Henry and one Daughter, who was married to Henry Swoope, afterward to Jacob Herncame.

Daniel' Son)—Jacob, was married to Miss Kauffman who had Sons, Daniel, Jacob, John, and five Daughters, Nancy was married to Jacob Neff, (Conestoga) Elizabeth married to C. Hoover, Barbara was married to Peter Burket, Polly, married Christian Stoner, Susan was married to Isaac Neff (Shavers Creek Neff).

"The purpose of this chapter is to assist the readers in the history of the Neffs in general in this country.

"The names of Neiff, Naff, Naef, Noef, Naf, and Neff occur frequently in the cantons of Switzerland, especially in the Protestant cantons.

"Prior to 1749, when Rudolf and Jacob Naf arrived in this country, many Swiss, bearing the name of Neiff, Naef, Neyf, Nef and Neff, are recorded as having landed in this country.* They subsequently all became Neff; hence the confusion arising regarding relationship and descent. To quote also from a letter from Canton Zurich, it would appear that the difference of spelling the name, which is seen even there, does not always denote a marked family distinction, but is rather the result of location. Says the writer: 'The different ways of writing Naf, Naff, Neff, are, to my mind, without significance; nearly the same change has taken place here also; true Naf is usually written, and the old records have this spelling only.'**

"Relative to the immigrations of the Swiss, particularly those bearing the name of Neff in some form, a few interesting extracts will be made, bearing more particularly upon the three of the name Neiff, viz: Francis Neiff, Heinrich Neiff and Johann Heinrich Neiff, who settled in Lancaster County, Penna., prior to 1715.

"At this critical juncture (1683), the Mennonites were persecuted in Switzerland and driven into various countries—some to Alsace, above Strasburg, others to Holland, etc.,—where they lived simple and exemplary lives—in the village as farmers, in the towns by trades—free from the charge of any gross immoralities, and professing the most pure and simple

*See Rupp's 30,000 names of Immigrants in Pennsylvania."

**Letter of Rev. Arnold Naf, of Ruschlikon, Canton Zurich, dated July 17, 1883.

principles, which they exemplified in a holy conversation. Some of those about Strasburg, with other High and Low Germans, transported themselves about the year 1683, by the encouragement of William Penn, to Pennsylvania and settled principally at Germantown; the greater part of whom were naturalized in 1709. The French army having crossed the Rhine, the distressed Palatines, persecuted by their heartless Prince, plundered by a foreign enemy, fled to escape from death, and about six thousand of them, for protection to England, in consequence of encouragement they had received from Queen Anne, by proclamation in 1708. Among these were a number to be mentioned in the sequel of our narrative.

"Many also had, prior to the issuing of Anne's proclamation, determined to seek refuge in America. The Canton of Berne in Switzerland had employed Christopher de Graffenreid and Louis Mitchel, or Michelle, as pioneers, with instructions to search for vacant lands in Pennsylvania, Virginia or Carolina.

"One of these, Michelle, a Swiss Miner, had been in America prior to 1704 or 1705, traversing the country to seek out a convenient tract to settle a colony of their people on.

"Many of the ancestors of those who first settled in this country (Lancaster, Pa.), whose lineal descendants still possess the lands purchased and improved by them, were beheaded, some beaten with many stripes, others incarcerated, and some banished from Switzerland. Of those who suffered, and who might be mentioned, were Hans Landis, at Zurich, in Switzerland, Hans Miller, Hans Jacob Hess, Rudolph Bachman, Ulrich Miller, Oswald Landis, Fanny Landis, Barbara Neff,* Hans Meylin, and two of his sons—all these suffered between 1638 and 1643. Those who emigrated to Pennsylvania had fled from the Cantons of Zurich, Berne, Shaffhausen, Switzerland, to Alsace, above Strasburg, where they remained for some time, thence they came to the Province of Pennsylvania.

"Of Francis Neiff, it is recorded, as follows:

"And Francis Neiff took up lands on the west branch of the little Conestoga prior to 1715.

Not to weary the reader with general details of individual settlers, we shall present a public document, possessing more than ordinary interest to the numerous descendants of those whose names are recorded in it . . . . it is an act passed

***This is undoubtedly the ancestor whose suffering martyrdom has been a tradition in the family.**

Anno Regni Georgii II., Regis Magnae Britanniae, Franciae et Hiberniae tertio October 14, 1729:

"Whereas, by encouragement given by the Honorable William Penn, Esq., late Proprietary and Governor of the province of Pennsylvania, and by permission of his Majesty, King George the First, of blessed memory, and his predecessors, Kings and Queens of England, etc., divers Protestants, who were subjects to the Emperor of Germany, a Prince in amity with the Crown of Great Britain, transported themselves and estates into the province of Pennsylvania between the years **one thousand seven hundred and one thousand seven hundred and eighteen:** and since they came hither have contributed very much to the enlargement of the British Empire, and to the raising and improving sundry commodities fit for the markets of Europe, and have always behaved themselves religiously and peaceably, and have paid a due regard and obedience to the laws and government of this province: And whereas, many of said persons, to-wit, Martin Meylin, Hans Graaf, and others, all of Lancaster County in the said provinces, in demonstration of their affection and zeal for his present Majesty's person and Government, qualified themselves by taking the qualifications and subscribing the declaration directed to be taken and subscribed by the several Acts of Parliament made for the security of His Majesty's person and Government, and for preventing the dangers which may happen by Popish Recusants, etc., and there-upon have humbly signified to the Governor and Representatives of the freeman of this province, in General Assembly, that they have purchased and do hold lands of the proprietary and others, His Majesty's subjects within this province, and have likewise represented their great desire of being made partakers of those privileges which the natural born subjects of Great Britain do enjoy within this province; and it being just and reasonable that those persons who have bona fide purchased lands and who have given such testimony of their affection whatsoever, as any of His Majesty's natural born subjects of this province can do or ought to enjoy by virtue of their being His Majesty's natural born subjects of His Majesty's said province of Pennsylvania, and obedience to the Crown of Great Britain, should as well be secured in the enjoyment of their estates as encouraged in their laudable affection and zeal for the English Constitution.

"BE IT ENACTED BY THE HON. PATRICK GORDON, ESQ., Lieut. Governor of the province of Pennsylvania, etc., by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of the said province in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, that Martin Meylin, Hans Graaf, etc., Francis

Neiff,* Francis Neiff, Jr., etc., Henry Neiff, etc., John Henry Neiff,** John Henry Neiff, Jr., etc. (the names are numerous), all of Lancaster County, be and shall be to all intents and purposes deemed, taken and esteemed His Majesty's natural born subjects of this province of Pennsylvania, as if they and each of them had been born within the said province; and shall and may, and every one of them shall and may within this province take, receive, enjoy, and be entitled to all rights, privileges and advantages of natural born subjects as fully, to all intents and constructions and purposes whatsoever, as any of His Majesty's natural born subjects of this province can, do, or ought to enjoy by virtue of their being His Majesty's natural born subjects of His Majesty's said province of Pennsylvania.*

*"Francis Neff, his sons Francis, Jr., Henry and Daniel, and the sons of Daniel, namely: Henry and Daniel grandsons of Francis, the elder, were all natives of Switzerland. On account of religious persecutions, being Mennonites, they fled from their Vaterland to Alsace, thence they emigrated to America and settled at a very early date on a small stream, Neff's run, which empties into the west branch of the Little Conestoga, where the great ancestors took up a large tract of land, and which is still owned by some of the lineal descendants of the male and female issue. As it may be interesting to the numerous descendants of one of the first families in this part of the country, we insert a brief genealogy of Francis Neff's progeny as furnished us verbally by Mrs. Magdalen Sehner, aged 79, the great granddaughter of Francis, the elder, and granddaughter of Daniel Neff, who had four sons and two daughters, viz: Henry, Daniel, John, Jacob, the grandfather of Jacob K. Neff, M. D., of Lancaster; Barbara, who intermarried with Musselman, and Ann married to Isaac Kauffman; Henry, the oldest son of Daniel Neff, married a Miss Oberholtzer, their children were John, Daniel, David, Jacob, Henry, and one daughter, Mrs. Keller, Dr. John Eberle's grandmother.

The original homestead is now principally owned by Gott-lieb Sehner and Jacob Neff. We seek for the descendants of Francis Neff in the male lineage, the numerous Neffs in Lancaster and Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, and in Virginia. In the female, the name of Musselman, Kauffman, Miller, Mayer, Henneberger, Schwar, Sehner, Ruth, Cassil, Florey, KELLER, EBERLE,—the two last are noticed in the sequel—Bear, Brandt, Shelly, Bowman, and others, principally in this county.

**John Henry Neff, known as the 'Old Doctor', a brother of Francis Neff named. He was undoubtedly the first regularly bred physician in Lancaster county. Who has not heard of Doctor Hans Heinrich Neff? So well was Dr. Neff known, that when the boundaries of townships were fixed upon, June 9th, 1729, one of the lines of Manheim township is thus defined: "Thence down the said creek to the 'Old Doctor's Ford'," Hans Henry Neff, Doctor of Physic, had taken up land on the Conestoga, a few miles from the present site of Lancaster city. Among his descendants are, besides the Neffs, Millers, Tchantzs, Kendigs, Weavers, Bears, and others. The Neffs were of those "who many years since came into this province under a particular agreement with the late Honorable Proprietor, William Penn, at London, and had regularly taken up lands under him. And who it appears to me, "said Gov. Gordon, January 13th, 1729, by good information, that they have hitherto behaved themselves well, and have generally so good a character for honesty and industry as deserves the esteem of this government and a mark of regard for them."

*History of Lancaster county. Pages 69, 70, 71, 72, 119, 121 to 128.

**History of Lancaster county. Page 271."

"We also find record of the naturalization of Henry Neaf, Jr., in Lancaster County. Out of all these facts it is interesting to gather that the name has ever been one commanding respect."

The relationship of any of these Neiffs of Lancaster County, Penna., to Rudolph and Jacob who settled in Germantown in the year of 1748 and who were the ancestors of Miss Elizabeth Clifford Neff, author of Naf-Neff History 1886, will strike the reader as very remote and one can only be claimed prior to the coming of the ancestors to America.

A little paragraph which is here quoted, may serve as an insight into the character and success of these worthy Mennonites.

"Holding peace principles, and taking very little if any part in the affairs of government, they taught their young men that the first great duty of life was each man TO MIND HIS OWN BUSINESS. Practicing upon his maxim they encouraged industry by their own examples, and discouraged ambition by a representation of the evils necessarily following in its train. Devoting themselves and their families to religion they labored and were happy.*

"This sentiment must have been embodied and taught by those of the German Reformed belief, as well as the Mennonites, for it is so truly a characteristic of the Neff family "to attend to their own business," which they equally expect to find those doing with whom they are brought in contact. As a consequence, when others do take it upon themselves to attend to other business than their own, and that other, being any thing relating to a Neff; they usually find that they have aroused a spirit of defensive resentment that will not hesitate at obstacles that would baffle others not inheriting these traits.

"From the extracts made, the reader will observe that the Neff's of Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, and the family in Virginia, are all descendants of this immigration to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, prior to 1715; it is also more than probable that the other Neffs around and about Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who were not descendants of Rudolf or Jacob Naf, are also descended from this Lancaster County immigration. In Ohio, too, are found those of the name, who trace their lineage back to either Huntingdon or Lancaster Counties, Pennsylvania.

"That the Neffs generally command respect and esteem, though not rising or even aspiring to great prominence, is

*History of Lancaster county. Pages 438 and 439.

evident from the following quotation from a communication of one who himself bore one of the offices named in the extract. The name is getting very numerous; scattered over the whole country, and while no one of the name has reached any prominent position, it is gratifying to know that for good citizens and general respectability and thoughtfulness they will compare favorably with any other of equal numbers. Some years ago there was a Neff each in the Legislatures of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, and Secretary of State in Indiana at the same time. Five adjoining States you see."

DEED OF LAND PURCHASED FROM WILLIAM HUGHES BY FRANCIS NEUFF IN 1731

John Penn, Thomas Penn & Richard Penn, Esqs: True and absolute proprietaries and Governors in chief of the provinces of Pennsylvania and the counties of New Castle, **Rent** and **Lesse's** on Delaware. To all unto whom these presents shall come send greeting. Whereas, in pursuance and by virtue of a warrant from the law commissioners of Property under the **Lessor** seal of our said province, bearing date the twenty-fifth day of the month of February, in the year of our Lord 1717/8 there was surveyed in the same year unto William Hughes, a certain Tract of land situate on Conestogoe Creek, in the county now called Lancaster, containing six hundred and twenty-five acres. And Whereas, in and by a certain Deed poll bearing date the thirtieth day of October, Anno 1731, for the consideration therein mentioned, He the said William Hughes, Did grant, Bargain, and sell unto Francis Neuff of the county of Lancaster, aforesaid Chirurgeon, that part of the said Tract of Land which lyes on both sides Conestogoe Creek, and being divided by the said creek, the upper or West Part thereof Begins at an Elm Tree near the said creek at a corner of a Tract of land formerly of the London company, thence by the same North West One Hundred and twenty perches to a White Oak thence, by land of Joseph Light South West fifty-one perches to a black Oak by the said creek, thence up the same by the several courses thereof about five hundred and sixty Perches to the place of Beginning, and the other part thereof lying on the lower or East side of the said creek, Begins at a White Oak near the said creek on the lower side thereof opposite to the Elm Tree before mentioned, thence by Land formerly of the London company East by North twenty-seven perches to a White Oak, thence by same Land South by East One hundred & forty Eight perches to a corner of the other part of the said William Hughe's Land, thence by the same West by South one hundred and twenty-six perches to Conestogoe Creek, thence up the same by the several courses thereof two Hundred and Sixty perches to the place of Beginning, containing together two Hundred and twenty-five Acres and the allowance of six acres on each Hundred for Roads and Highways, as in and by the survey thereof, remaining in the survey or General's office may appear. Now at the instance and request of the said Francis Neuff, that we would be pleased to grant him a confirmation of the same. Know Ye that in consideration of the sum of twenty-two pounds ten shillings,

Lawful money of Pennsylvania, to our use heretofore paid by the said William Hughes, the receipt whereof we hereby acknowledge, and thereof, do acquit and forever Discharge, the said William Hughes and Francis Neuff, their Heirs and assigns by these presents, and also for the yearly Interest herein after mentioned and reserved. We have given, granted, released, and confirmed, and by these presents for us, our heirs, and successors, Doe give, grant, release, and confirm, unto the said Francis Neuff, and his Heirs, the said two Hundred and twenty-five Acres of Land, as the same is now set forth, bounded and Limitted as aforesaid, with all Mines, Minerals, Quarries, Meadows, Marshes, Savannah, swamps, crippled Wood, Under wood, Timber, and Trees, ways, waters, Water courses, Liberties, Profitts, advantages, commodities, Hereditaments, and appurtenances, whatsoever, to the said two Hundred and twenty-five Acres of Land, belonging or in any wise appertaining, and lying within the Bounds and Limits aforesaid (Three full and clear fifth parts of all Royal Mines free from all Deductions and Reprizals for Digging and Refining the same only excepted and hereby reserved) & also free leave Rights, and Liberties, to and for the said Francis Neuff, his Heirs and assigns, to stawk, Hunt, Fish, and Fowl, in and upon the hereby granted land and premises, or upon any part thereof To Have and To Hold, the said two tracts of Land as before described, containing together two Hundred and twenty-five Acres of Land and premises hereby granted, (except before excepted) with their appurtenances unto the said Francis Neuff, his Heirs and Assigns, To the only use and behoof of the said Francis Neuff his Heirs and Assigns forever. To Be Holden of us, Our Heirs and successors, proprietaries of Pennsylvania, as of our Mannor, or reputed Mannor, of Conestogoe in the county of Lancaster, aforesaid, in free and common Soccage, by fealty only, in liew of all other services, Yielding and Paying, therefore yearly to us Our Heirs, and Successors, at the town of Lancaster, at or upon the first day of March, in every year, from the first survey thereof, One English Silver Milling for each Hundred Acres, and in proportion for the twenty-five Acres of the same or value thereof, in Coin Current according as the exchange shall then be between our said province and the city of London, to such person or persons as shall from time to time be appointed to receive the same, and in case of non-payment thereof within Ninety Days next after the same shall become due, that then it shall and may be Lawful for us, Our Heirs and Successors, Our and their Receiver, or Receivers, unto and upon The hereby granted Land and premi-

ses, to Re-Enter and the same, to hold and possess, until the said Paiment and all arrearages thereof, together with the charges accruing by means of such non-payment and Re-Entry aforesaid, be fully paid, and Discharged. In Witness whereof, the said John Penn and Thomas Penn, in their own Right, and by authority from the said Richard Penn, have caused the great seal of the said province to be hereunto affixed at Philadelphia, this eleventh day of April, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and thirty-five, the Eighth year of the reign of King George, the second over great Britain, & and the seventeenth year of our government.

John Penn Tho Penn

[L.S.]

Indorst—The interest due on the within granted Land is settled and paid to the first day of last March This 12th day of 2d Month 1735

James Peel Redgent.

Recorded the 17th day of April, 1735.

At an afternoon tea given in our honor by our cousin, Mrs. Isabelle Hegi-Naef, at her home, Ruschlikon Rathaus, Zurich, we were introduced to Mr. Amberger, a noted genealogist of Switzerland, who kindly gave us from his voluminous records the following direct lineage of the Neff family down to the present time.

1. **Hans Naf,** born about 1366, 1386 farmer at Rengg, Langnau, died after 1406, Rengg, married .....
2. **Heinrich (Heini) Naf,** born about 1388, died ....., Rengg.....1448 domiciledet Gerest-Gut 1435-40, Reglikon 1446-48, married Verena **Naf,** died after 1455.
3. **Hans (Hensli) Naf,** born about 1430, died.....1500, domiciledet Rengg-Langnau, married ..... before 1467.
4. **Hans Naf,** born....., died Cappel, 11th of October, 1531, warrion 1495, 1501 and 1515, married Katharina **Huber,** at Vollenweid, died after 1504.
5. **Adam Naf,** born ..... 14 , died Vollenweid 6. VII. 1570-6. XI. 1571, 1504 at Vollenweid, community Hausen, 1504 participating grand "Schiessen" (shooting feast) at Zurich, 11th Oct., 1531, arquebusier amongst Captain Huber from Teufenbach-Hausen in the battle of Cappel, helped to rescue the banner of Zurich in the fight near Cappel, received 10th March, 1533, the burghership of Zurich and the present 20℔ (money) 1532-1533, 5th July, 1550, during 6 years the hereditary fief "Sennhof" with the "Sennhaus" at Cappel, 1561-68 unter-governor at Hausen and Heisch, domiciledet at Vollenweid, married.....
6. **Heini Naf,** born Vollenweid.....152 , died..... after 1575, 1564 at "Sennhof" Cappel, married before 1558 Margaretha **Bar,** died before 1562.
7. **Hans Naf,** born Vollenweid.....1558, died before 1646, heeder or guardian of marriage at Cappel, residence the underhouse at Cappel, married before 1585, Verena **Gut,** died before 1646.
8. **Hans Naf,** named the young, born Cappel.....1585, died before 1646, residence the underhouse at Cappel, emi-

grated about 1630 to Eganhausen in Wirtenberg, married before 1613 Anna **Burgisser,** from Maschwanden, died 1620.

9. **Franz (Francis) Naf,** born Cappel, 24th August 1617, died ..... Lieutenant, domiciledet in the underhouse at Cappel, 1645 guardian, emigrated about 1661 to Markirch in the Pfalz, 1665 at Cappel, 7th Jan. 1677, member of the guild of tanners at Zurich, married, Cappel, 15th February, 1665, Emerentiana **Bar,** from Hauptikon, born Hauptikon, 23rd June, 1639, died.....

10. **Francis (Franz) Neff (Naf), Sr.,** born Cappel, 7th March 1675, died America..... after 1719, Mennonite, emigrated about 1715 at Lancaster County, married.....

11. **Francis (Franz) Neff (Neiff and Naf), Jr.,** born before 1699, died..... after 1719, farmer and miller in Lancaster County, married.....**Neiff.**

12. **Daniel Neff,** born....., died....., farmer in Lancaster County, married.....before 1760.....Erb **Neff,** born....., died.....

13. **John Neff,** born.....1761, died.....28th September, 1819, married about 1784, Fanny **Kauffman,** died 11th March 1806.

14. **Andrew Neff,** born 20th August, 1787, died....., married.....Elisabeth **Grove,** born 13th June, 1796, died.....

15. **Daniel Neff,** born 24th August, 1828, died....., married.....Susanne **Neff,** born....., died.....

16. The Compiler's Parents.

FRANCIS NEIFF

His children:

xDaniel
Henry
Jacob
John
3 daughters.

x DANIEL NEFF

Children:

Henry N.
Daniel
xJohn
Jacob
2 daughters

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HENRY NEFF

Children:

Henry N.
5 daughters.

The son, Henry, moved to Virginia, twelve miles above Wheeling.*

Daniel and John.

JACOB NEFF

Children:

Henry N.
John
Jacob
5 daughters.

JOHN NEFF

Descent not known.

We continue the line of descent through the family of Daniel:

HENRY NEFF

Children:

Christian N.
Henry
Daniel
xJohn, came to Petersburg, first to come
David
Jacob
3 daughters.

*This determines the line of descent of the Virginia Neffs.

DANIEL NEFF

Children:

1 daughter.

*JOHN NEFF

Married to Fanny Kauffman.

Children:

*John, mother's father born in Lancaster county

*Andrew, father's father

Jacob

Daniel

Isaac

Henry

1 daughter.

JACOB NEFF

Children:

Daniel N.

Jacob

John

5 daughters

DANIEL NEFF

Married to Mary Huyette, was son of John Neff, grandson of Daniel Neff, and great-grandson of Francis Neiff.

Children:

Henry N.

John H.

Daniel J.

William

David A.

3 daughters.* Susan, Ann Eliza, Fannie

* Explanation of my father's and mother's parents and my grandparents.

1 Francis Neiff
Born
Married
Died

and

1 Neiff
Born
Married
Died

(Residence Lancaster County, Pennsylvania)

1 Daniel
Born
Married Christiana Erb
Died

2 Henry
Born
Married
Died

3 Jacob
Born
Married
Died

4 John
Born
Married
Died

5 A daughter
Born
Married Steiner
Died

6 A daughter
Born
Married Keller
Died

7 A daughter
Born
Married Florey
Died

11 Daniel Neiff
Born
Married
Died

and

11 Christiana Erb Neiff
Born
Married
Died 1806

1 Henry
Born
Married Anna Oberholser
Died

2 Daniel
Born
Married
Died

3 John
Born 1761
Married Fanny Kauffman
Died September 28, 1819

4 Jacob
Born
Married
Died

5 Barbara
Born
Married D. Musselman and Dwt. (P. Levine)
Died

6 Anny
Born
Married Isaac Kauffman
Died

111 Henry Neff
Born
Married
Died

and

111 Anna Oberholser Neff
Born
Married
Died

1 Christian
Born April 24, 1773
Married Elizabeth Boas
Died June 12, 1861

2 Barbara
Born February 26, 1776
Married Henry Brubacher
Died

3 Magdalena
Born December 6, 1778
Married Isaac Kauffman
Died

4 Henry
Born August 24, 1781
Married Barbara Rutzel
Died 1817

5 John
Born April 14, 1784
Married Elizabeth Sehner
Died May 12, 1873

6 Daniel
Born February 27, 1787
Married
Died

7 Nancy
Born March 15, 1789
Married Joshua Kehler
Died January 19, 1874

8 David
Born July 20, 1791
Married Leah Kauffman
and Julia Herr
Died January 26, 1866

9 Jacob
Born December 15, 1793
Married
Died June, 1877

1115 John Neff
Born April 14, 1784
Married
Died May 12, 1873

and

1115 Elizabeth Sehner Neff
Born
Married
Died

(Residence of above parties, about Dayton, Ohio.)

1 Susanna
Born April 25, 1811
Married
Died

2 Nancy
Born March 27, 1813
Married
Died

3 Henry
Born July 7, 1814
Married
Died

4 Jacob
Born November 20, 1815
Married
Died

5 Elizabeth
Born October 14, 1817
Married
Died

6 Magdalena
Born April 22, 1822
Married
Died

7 Daniel
Born July 14, 1826
Married
Died

Twins

8 John
Born July 14, 1826
Married
Died

9 David
Born January 21, 1831
Married
Died

1118 David Neff
Born July 20, 1791
Married Feb. 1, 1818
Died January 12, 1866

and

1118 Leah Kauffman Neff
Born Dec. 12, 1796
Married Feb. 1, 1818
Died March 23, 1840

1118 David Neff
Married June 4, 1843

and

1118 Julia Herr Neff
Born March 14, 1811
Married June 4, 1843
Died

1 Benjamin
Born March 16, 1821
Married Elizabeth L. Hay and Harriet J. Hay
Died

2 Isaac
Born September 9, 1824
Married Jane Brunner and and Parmelia Smith
Died 1871

3 Barbara Ann
Born March 18, 1827
Married Martin Eshleman
Died April 16, 1850

4 Mary Elizabeth
Born April 2, 1830
Married J. J. Scarff
Died

5 Cyrus
Born February 8, 1833
Married Harriet Cory
Died

6 Rebecca
Born October 12, 1835
Married George W. Neff
Died

7 Matilda
Born June 7, 1838
Married Jacob Kissinger
Died

8 Charlotte
Born March 4, 1844
Married Wm. H. McClure
Died

9 Harriet A.
Born February 8, 1846
Married Frederick Hogendobler
Died

10 Fannie C.
Born September 5, 1849
Married James Smith
Died

11 David Henry
Born March 6, 1852
Married
Died

11181 Benjamin Neff
Born March 16, 1821
Married May 18, 1848
Died

and

11181 Elizabeth L. Hay Neff
Born
Married May 18, 1848
Died July 28, 1849

11181 Benjamin Neff
Married Oct. 11, 1851

and

11181 Harriet J. Hay Neff
Born
Married Oct. 11, 1851
Died

Residence of above parties
New Carlisle, Clark Co., Ohio.

1 Mary E.
Born Feb. 22, 1849
Married John S. Patterson
Died

2 Charles
Born November 19, 1852
Married Corrina Weakly
Died

3 Jennie
Born April 9, 1855
Married Thornton M. Perine
Died

4 Frank Judson
Born November 25, 1858
Died February 14, 1865

5 William M.
Born Oct. 18, 1860
Died February 14, 1868

6 J. Grant
Born November 22, 1863
Died

7 Henry H.
Born April 21, 1868
Died April 1870

The first Neffs who moved from Lancaster County, Penna., to Huntingdon County, Penna., were John and Jacob a younger brother with their families about the year 1785.

They settled one-fourth of a mile above Petersburg, Penna., on the banks of the Blue Juniata.

John purchased 250 acres of land, which was afterward known as the William W. Stryker farm, and Jacob bought

427 acres of what was afterward known as Benjamin K. Neff farm or River Ben as he was familiarly known.

Here they erected buildings, reared their families, spun their flax, raised their grain, distilled their whiskey, erected a wharf, and constructed arks on which during a freshet in the Spring of the year especially, they loaded their produce and floated or rafted it to Philadelphia or Baltimore, selling the arks for lumber and the produce in exchange for merchandise as they were in need, such as mules, horses and other necessities for a livelihood. If they did not get live stock they made the return journey on foot.

I have been informed that great iron rings with staples sunken into the rocks with lead in the Susquehanna River near Harrisburg, Penna., as a means of easing the arks over the rapid and more shallow stretches of the river, are still there.

114 John Neff
Born in Lancaster Co., in 1761
Married
Died Sept. 28, 1819

and

114 Fannie Kauffman Neff
Born in Lancaster Co.
Married
Died March 11, 1806

Residence,
Lancaster Co., Penna.

1 John
Born November 3, 1784
Married Magdelene Stoner and Mary Mong
Died July 12, 1862

2 Andrew
Born Aug. 30, 1787
Married Elizabeth Grove
Died 1833

3 Jacob K.
Born 1789
Married Eliza Weight
Died 1829

4 Anny
Born Dec. 31, 1790
Married H. Swoope and J. Herncane. Died Aug. 9, 1892
Died February 8, 1877

5 Daniel
Born January 19, 1793
Married Mary Huyette
Died October 17, 1865

6 Isaac
Born April 26, 1795
Married Susan Neff
Died

7 Henry
Born Dec. 8, 1797
Married Mary Wallace
Died October 4, 1842

1131 John Neff
Born in Lancaster Co., Nov. 3, 1784
Married April 3, 1812
Died July 12, 1862

and

1131 Magdelene Stoner
Born
Married April 3, 1812
Died December 10, 1815

1131 John Neff
Married May 29, 1817

and

1131 Margaret Mong
Born August 26, 1794
Married May 29, 1817
Died December 16, 1888
aged 94 years

Residence,
Petersburg, Huntingdon Co., Pa.

1 Fannie
Born in 1813
Married Joshua Rathfong
Died

2 Annie
Born in 1815
Married
Died Feb. 18, 1819

1 Magdelene
Born April 9, 1818
Married William McClure
Died

2 Isaac
Born Oct. 18, 1819
Married Susan Martin
Died May 13, 1884

3 Margaret
Born March 5, 1822
Not Married
Died Sept. 11, 1907

4 Eliza
Born July 9, 1824
Married
Died June 3, 1849

5 Samuel
Born July 18, 1826
Married Elizabeth Agnes Cunningham
Died November 10, 1875

6 John M.
Born March 6, 1829
Married
Died July 29, 1830

7 Benjamin Landis
Born Feb. 24, 1831
Married Mary McMurtrie, Feb. 24, 1857
Died Aug. 14, 1885

8 Susan
Born April 4, 1834
Married Oct., 1853 to Daniel G. Neff
Died Sept. 30, 1891

9 Henry A.
Born July 30, 1836
Married Annie E. Knode
Died January 8, 1918

11311 Fannie Neff
Born
Married
Died

and

11311 Joshua Rathfong
Born
Married
Died

Residence,
Petersburg, Huntingdon Co., Pa.

1 Mary
Born
Married
Died

2 Susan
Born
Married
Died

3 Emma
Born
Married
Died

11313 Magdelene Neff
Born April 15, 1818
Married June 22, 1841
Died Sept. 22, 1877

and

11313 William McClure
Born Oct. 10, 1814
Married June 22, 1841
Died Aug. 15, 1887

Residence,
Petersburg, Penna.

1 Jane Alice
Born June 8, 1846
Married William Leffard
No Issue
Died Dec. 22, 1896

2 John Andrew
Born March 7, 1848
Married
Died June 9, 1848

3 Cassius
Born June 9, 1848
Married Julia Rung
Died March 7, 1905

4 Anna Mary
Born
Married Capt. John Burns,
No Issue
Died

5 Susan
Born
Married Dr. Hyskell
Died

6 Milo S.
Born
Married April 24, 1913, Mrs.
Cora Morrison. One
Daughter
Died

7 Bertha
Born
Married Berton Norris, No
Issue
Died

8 Benton
Born Sept. 30, 1859
Married
Died January 10, 1906

113131 Cassius McClure
Born June 7, 1848
Married 1873
Died

and

113131 Julia Rung
Born 1849
Married
Died

Residence,
Petersburg, Pa.

1 Mary
Born
Married Rohrer
Died

2 Margaret
Born
Married Dean Watson
Died

113133 Susan McClure
Born
Married
Died

and

113133 Doctor Hyskell
Born
Married
Died

Residence,
Madeira, Pa.

1 Chalmers
Born
Married
Died

11314 Isaac M. Neff
Born Oct. 18, 1819
Married Jan. 27, 1852
Died May 16, 1884

and

11314 Susan Martin Neff
Born Aug. 15, 1824
Married January 27, 1852
Died March 1, 1910

Residence,
Petersburg, Pa.

1 Ella M.
Born December 26, 1852
Not Married
Died January 8, 1930

2 Gilbert
Born Sept. 23, 1854
Married Jan. 27, 1885, Clara Graffius
Died Jan. 16, 1897

3 John Daniel
Born March 13, 1857
Married Mary M. Zartman
Died June 29, 1913

113142 Gilbert Neff
Born Sept. 23, 1854
Married Jan. 27, 1885
Died Jan. 16, 1897

and

113142 Clara Graffius Neff
Born February 17, 1860
Married January 27, 1885
Died

Residence,
Petersburg, Pa.

1 Mildred
Born Feb. 1, 1890
Married
Died

2 Marguerite
Born November 17, 1891
Married Harry Winters
Died

3 Robert
Born December 5, 1893
Married
Died July 6, 1901

4 Charles Earnest
Born December 24, 1895
Married
Died

113142 Rev. John Daniel Neff
Born March 13, 1857
Married Oct. 16, 1883
Died June 29, 1913

and

113142 Mary M. Zartman Neff
Born February 14
Married
Died

Residence,
Tiffin, Ohio.

1 Carl A.
Born January 20, 1890
Married
Died

2 Grace E.
Born January 25, 1892
Married
Died

3 Edwin Martin
Born Dec. 5, 1894
Married
Died

11317 Samuel Neff
Born July 18, 1826
Married Feb. 23, 1858
Died Nov. 11, 1875

and

11317 Elizabeth Agnes Cunningham Neff
Born December, 1839
Married Feb. 23, 1858
Died March 6, 1899

Residence:
Petersburg, Pa.

1 John Richard
Born November 25, 1858
Married
Died March 6, 1897

2 Milton Cunningham
Born April 27, 1860
Married
Died Jan. 31, 1899

3 Alice May
Born May 11, 1863
Married
Died March 9, 1864

4 Minnie Oaks
Born Feb. 8, 1865
Married
Died

5 May Elizabeth
Born April 21, 1867
Married
Died December 26, 1868

11319 Benjamin Landis Neff
Born Feb. 24, 1831
Married Feb. 24, 1857
Died August 14, 1885

and

11319 Mary Ann McMurtrie Neff
Born Dec. 25, 1839
Married Feb. 24, 1857
Died

Residence,
Petersburg, Pa.

1 Margaret Ann
Born May 1, 1859
Married Easton Robb, Oct. 12, 1886
Died

2 Ada Clark
Born April 12, 1861
Married Jacob Eager, April 12, 1886
Died

3 John McCullough
Born January 9, 1863
Married Myrtle Holliday Aug. 27, 1890
at Lexington, Neb.
and
Jennie Aileen Hall Oct. 6, 1894
Died

4 Benjamin Landis
Born Feb. 13, 1877
Married Blanche R. Hall, Oct. 6, 1898
Died

5 Henry Warren
Married Elizabeth Johnson Feb. 24, 1903
and
Anna Buncham Aug. 21, 1912
Died

6 Lizzie Jane
Born Mar. 18, 1865
Married
Died Jan. 19, 1866

7 Mary
Born Sept. 3, 1880
Married
Died January 3, 1881

113191 Margaret Neff
Born May 1, 1859
Married October 12, 1886
Died

and

113191 Easton Robb
Born
Married October 12, 1886
Died

Residence:
Lexington, Nebraska

1 Chester Neff
Born 1888
Married
Died

2 Marion E.
Born February 20, 1896
Married
Died

3 Josephine
Born August 22, 1890
Married Archie McDonald
1911
Died

113192 Ada Clark Neff
Born April 12, 1861
Married April 24, 1886
Died

and

113192 Jacob D. Eager
Born
Married April 24, 1886
Died

Residence,
Lexington, Nebraska

1 Mary Neff
Born May 23, 1889
Married
Died

2 Frances Joseph
Born June 2, 1891
Married
Died October 14, 1892

3 Paul Landis
Born September 22, 1895
Married
Died

4 Margarete
Born December 17, 1893
Married
Died

5 Helen Aileen
Born March 5, 1900
Married
Died

113193 John McCullough Neff
Born Petersburg, Pa., January 9, 1863
Married August 27, 1890
Died

and

113193 Myrtle Holliday Neff
Born
Married August 27, 1890
Died September 25, 1893

113193 John McCullough Neff
Born
Married October 6, 1894
Died

and

113193 Jennie Aileen Hall Neff
Born
Married October 6, 1894
Died

Residence,
Lexington, Nebraska

1 Velma Ruth
Born September 17, 1891
Married
Died September 29, 1895

2 Gertrude Blanche
Born June 2, 1895
Married
Died

3 Benjamin Clarence
Born April 17, 1897
Married
Died

4 Milton Hall
Born January 20, 1899
Married
Died

5 Aileen
Born June 21, 1901
Married
Died

6 Grace Louise
Born October 3, 1903
Married
Died April 11, 1904

7 Alice Margaret
Born September 8, 1906
Married
Died

8 John McCullough
Born March 31, 1908
Married
Died

9 Raymond Wesley
Born May 25, 1911
Married
Died

113194 Benjamin Landis Neff
Born February 13, 1877
Married October 6, 1898
Died

and

113194 Blanche R. Hall Neff
Born
Married October 6, 1898
Died

Residence,
Lexington, Nebraska

1 Leona Blanche
Born September 21, 1899
Married
Died

2 Mary Amanda
Born September 7, 1902
Married
Died

3 Benjamine Landis
Born May 28, 1907
Married
Died

113195 Henry Warren Neff
Born January 19, 1879
Married February 24, 1903
Died

and

113195 Elizabeth Johnson Neff
Born
Maried February 24, 1903
Died May 12, 1910

1 Kenneth Landis
Born January 26, 1906
Married
Died

113195 Henry Warren Neff
Born January 19, 1879
Married August 21, 1912
Died

and

113195 Anna Burnham Neff
Born
Married August 21, 1912
Died

Residence,
Lexington, Nebraska

1717—1894

THE NEFFS OF JUNIATA VALLEY

Cordially Invite You to Attend a
Basket Re-Union in Neff's Woods
One (1) Mile from Alexandria, Penn'a.
and Three (3) Miles from Barree Station
on the P. R. R.
October 10, 1894
Exercises from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
President H. G. NEFF
Secretary E. E. NEFF, M. D.

PART I

Music ..... Band
Fantasia—Tone Pictures of the North and South—Bendix
Calling to Order by the President.....
.....Henry G. Neff, Alexandria, Pa.
Invocation..... Rev.
Music ..... Band
Selection—Robinhood—DeKoven
Address of Welcome.....John A. Neff, Philadelphia, Pa.
Music.....Neff Chorus
Selection—Rendered by the Old Representatives
of Juniata Valley
Address—Genealogy.....Daniel J. Neff, Altoona, Pa.
Music ..... Band
A Hunt in the Black Forest—Voelker
INTERMISSION BASKET DINNER
From 12 Noon to 2 P. M.

PART II

Music ..... Band
Medley—Ye Olden Times—Beyer
Address.....Hon. John Wanamaker, Philadelphia, Pa.
Music ..... Band
Cocoanut Dance—Herman
Address.....Silas S. Neff, Ph. D.
President of the Neff College of Oratory, Philadelphia, Pa.
Music ..... Band
In the Clock Store—Orth
Address.....George B. Orlady, Huntingdon, Pa.
Hon. John Scott is expected to be present.
Music furnished by Jule Neff's Band, Altoona City, Pa.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS
President, H. G. NEFF
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JNO. HATFIELD MILTON C. NEFF CAL. T. SWOOPE
MASON NEFF E. E. NEFF, Recording Secretary

BIRTHDAY GATHERINGS

Margaret Neff, Grandma on Mother's Side, August 25, 1880. Number Present, 85.

Isaac M. Neff, Uncle, His Home, October 18, 1883. Number Present, 66.

Henry A. Neff, Uncle, His Home, July 31, 1884. Number Present, 75.

Benjamine L. Neff, Uncle, His Home, February 24, 1885. Number Present, 48.

Susan Neff, Mother, My Home, April 23, 1885. Number Present, 53.

Andrew G. Neff, Cross Roads, September 13, 1886. Number Present, 79.

Benjamine Neff, Sr., Bachelor, Old Home, September 14, 1887. Number Present, 125.

The Neff Reunion, Alexandria, Pa., October 10, 1894. Number Present, 500.

Henry Neff, Shaverscreek, Huntingdon County, Pa., March 1897. Number Present, 70.

Jacob C. Neff, Jr., Forks of Juniata, August 6, 1898 Number Present, 120.

It was a well established custom among the older Neffs, to give an annual dinner during the Winter season, to their immediate families, many of which I well remember being in my Father and Mother's home.

They were truly joyous occasions in the eyes of young America.

11310 Susan Neff
Born April 4, 1834
Married October, 1853
Died September 30, 1891

and

11310 Daniel Grove Neff
Born August 24, 1828
Married October, 1853
Died November 1, 1908

Residence,
Alexandria, Pennsylvania

1 Andrew Calvin
Born August 20, 1854
Married, 1st Laura Stauffer,
2nd Grace Stauffer, Jan. 20, 1897.
3rd Clara Smith, Jan. 19, 1905
Died Oct. 14, 1928

2 Clara Susan
Born November 12, 1856
Married
Died February 21, 1910

3 Elmer Ellsworth, M. D.
U. P. 1897
Born April 23, 1864
Married Dora Bell McCarthy, December 19, 1900
Died
Residence:
Altoona, Pennsylvania

4 Benjamine Landis
Born January 23, 1866
Married Letitia Harnish, Oct. 26, 1899
Died January 15, 1910

5 Walter Scott
Born February 11, 1873
Married, 1st, Florence Sprankle
2nd, Alice Dell, March 24, 1907
Died March 29, 1919

113101 Andrew Calvin Neff
Born August 20, 1854
Married
Died October 14, 1928

and

113101 Laura Stauffer Neff
Born
Married
Died

113101 Andrew Calvin Neff
Married January 20, 1897

and

113101 Grace Stauffer Neff
Born
Married January 20, 1897
Died

113101 Andrew Calvin Neff
Married January 19, 1905

and

113101 Clara Smith Neff
Born
Married January 19, 1905
Died October 14, 1928

Residence,
Alexandria, Pennsylvania

1 Porter
Born December 9, 1884
Married
Died February 27 1886

2 Ethel
Born June 16, 1883
Married
Died

3 Elizabeth
Born December 29, 1886
Married Roy Markley, 1910
Died

4 Jennie Bell
Born May 29, 1882
Married
Died June 2, 1882

113104 Benjamine Landis Neff
Born January 23, 1866
Married
Died January 15, 1910

and

Letitia Harnish
Born October 18, 1867
Married Oct. 26, 1899
Died

Residence,
Alexandria, Pennsylvania

Rev. Charles Harnish
Born March 4, 1902
Married August 4, 1926
Josephine Hunt of Princeton
Died
A Graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and Princeton University.

Edith
Born June 26, 1903
Married
Died
Graduate of Millersville Normal.

Marian
Born October 6, 1906
Married
Died
Graduate of Juniata College.

113105 Walter Scott Neff
Born February 11, 1872
Married February 7, 1897
Died March 29, 1919

and

Florence Sprankle
Born
Married February 7, 1897
Died November 18, 1904

113105 Walter Scott Neff
Married March 24, 1907

and

Alice Dell
Born
Married March 24, 1907
Died

Residence,
Alexandria, Pennsylvania

1 Edwin
Born September 10, 1898
Married
Died October 3, 1918

2 George Wilbur
Born June 10, 1900
Married
Died August 24, 1902

3 Walter Scott, M. D.
Born October 13, 1904
Married September 1, 1928
Lois Dugan of Sea Cliff, New York
Died

Edwin Enlisted in the Infantry in 1914 went to Columbus Barracks Ohio, from there was taken to the Panama Canal Zone to guard the Panama Canal, remained there until September, 1918, was transferred to Camp Beauregard, Louisana, to prepare for over seas, when he contracted Lobar Pneumonia and died in 48 hours.

The Government sent his body home and it was buried in the Old Neff Cemetery, near Petersburg, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania.

11311' Henry Amos Neff
Born July 30, 1836
Married
Died January 8, 1918

and

11311' Annie E. Knode Neff
Born March 20, 1852
Married
Died

Residence,
Alexandria, Pennsylvania

1 Mary Alice
Born March 3, 1873
Married William Leffard
Died

2 Bessie
Born September 3, 1875
Married Charles Webb
Died

11311'1 Mary Alice Neff
Born March 3, 1873
Married
Died

and

11311'1 William Leffard
Born
Married
Died

Residence,
Warren, Pennsylvania

1 Bessie Neff
Born November 6, 1898
Married
Died

2 Elmer
Born September 20, 1900
Married
Died

11311'2 Bessie Neff
Born September 3, 1873
Married
Died

and

11311'2 Charles Webb
Born
Married
Died

Residence,
Alexandria, Pennsylvania

1 Lowell Neff
Born January 15, 1905
Married
Died

2 Elizabeth
Born April 26, 1906
Married
Died

3 Donald
Born September 18, 1907
Married
Died

DEED OF LAND GIVEN BY DANIEL NEFF TO ANDREW NEFF

A copy of the original deed to land given to my grandfather on my father's side.

To all to whom these presents shall come, Daniel Neff and Mary, his Wife of the Township of Porter and County of Huntingdon and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, sendeth greeting; Know ye that the said Daniel Neff and Mary, his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars to them in hand paid and other valuable considerations thereunto, moveing hath remised, released and forever quit-claimed, and by these presents doth for themselves and their Heirs, remise, release and forever quit-claim unto Andrew Neff, (of the Township, County and Commonwealth aforesaid), and to his heirs and assigns forever all the estate, right, title, interest, claim and demand whatsoever of them the said Daniel Neff and Mary, his wife, of, in or to a certain tract or parcel of land, situate in the township and county aforesaid and bounded as follows: Beginning at a pine on the bank of the Frankestown branch of Juniata thence up the same South Eight degrees East twenty-two perches, South thirty-two and one half degrees East sixty-three and five-tenth perches South fourteen degrees East thirty-seven and five-tenth perches to a post thence by other land of said Daniel Neff South Eighty-six degrees West Eighty-four perches to a White Oak North fifteen degrees West forty-six perches to a Walnut South seventy-nine degrees West fifty-three perches to a post, by a marked White Oak, thence by land of the Heirs of John Spencer and Henry Swope North Four degrees East twenty-six perches to a stone heep thence North sixty degrees East one hundred and fifteen perches to the place of Beginning Containing fifty-four acres, one hundred thirty-four perches and the usual allowance. It being part of the same tract of land which the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by Patent bearing date the Ninth day of January one Thousand Eight hundred and twenty-seven did convey and confirm unto Daniel Neff Partee to these Presents, with the appurtenances: And also all the estate, right, interest, use, possession, claim and demand of them the said Daniel Neff and Mary, his wife in, to and out of the same either in Law or Equity, or otherwise, To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land and premises above mentioned unto the said Andrew Neff, his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behoof of him the said Andrew Neff, his heirs and assigns forever so that neither they the said Daniel Neff and

Mary, his wife, nor their heirs nor any other person or persons for them or in their names or right shall or may by any ways or means whatsoever at any time hereafter claim, challenge or demand any estate, right title or interest of in or to the said lands and premises or any part thereof, but from all and every action and actions, estate, right, title, interest, claim and demand of, in, or, to the premises or any part or parcle thereof they and every of them shall be forever barred by these presents. And the said Daniel Neff and Mary, his wife, and their heirs the said lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises with the appurtenances to the said Andrew Neff, his heirs and assigns against them the said Daniel Neff and Mary, his wife, and their heirs shall and will warrant and forever defend. In Witness Whereof they the said Daniel Neff and Mary, his wife, have hereunto set their hands and seals, the Twenty-Seventh Day of November, One thousand Eighth hundred and Twenty-Nine.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in presents of us

Wm. Stewart
John Huyet

Daniel Neff (Seal)
Mary Neff (Seal)

Received the full consideration above mentioned.
Test.
Wm. Stewart

Daniel Neff

Huntingdon County, ss:

(Seal) Before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared Daniel Neff and Mary, his wife, and acknowledged the within instrument of writing to be their act and Deed and desired it might be recorded as such, she the said Mary, being of full age and separate and apart from her said husband, examined by me and the contents thereof made known unto her acknowledges herself fully satisfied therewith. Given under my hand and seal this Twenty-ninth day of November, Eighteen hundred and Twenty-nine.

Wm. Stewart

Huntingdon County, ss:

Recorded in the Office for Recording of Deeds in and for the County of Huntingdon the 21st day of August A. D. 1830, in Book W, page 259.

(Seal) In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the said Office at Huntingdon the same day and year.

D. N. Porter, Recorder.

Release—Daniel Neff and Wife to Andrew Neff.

1132 Andrew Neff
Born in Lancaster Co., Pa., August 2, 1787
Married
Died in Porter Township, Huntingdon Co., Pa., April 26, 1833

and

1132 Elizabeth Grove
Born in Lancaster Co., Pa., June 13, 1796
Married
Died in Porter Township, Huntingdon Co., Pa., April 26, 1866

Residence,
Alexandria, Pennsylvania

1 Benjamin
Born September 14, 1816
Not Married
Died 1893

2 Andrew
Born September 13, 1818
Married Annie Frank
Died December 9, 1893

3 Jacob
Born October 12, 1820
Married Susan Frank
Died

4 Eliza
Born September 27, 1822
Married Samuel Hatfield
Died

5 John Grove
Born November 24, 1824
Married
Died March 3, 1833

6 Mary
Born November 13, 1826
Married Martin Orlady, M. D.
Died

7 Daniel Grove
Born 1828
Married Susan Neff
Died November 1, 1908

8 David
Born October 20, 1830
Married Mary Jane Knode
Died

9 Henry Grove
Born March 11, 1833
Married January 26, 1860, Mary Frances Sprankle
Died June 14, 1913

BENJAMINE NEFF, SR., OR BACHELOR BEN, SOMETIMES CALLED

Andrew Neff, Benjamine's Father, and my Grandfather was thrown from his horse, below Alexandria, and killed, when on his way to his home.

At the time Benjamine was 17 years old and being the oldest of the family, the responsibility of carrying on the farm and help caring for his younger brothers and sisters, devolved largely upon him, so they always looked upon him more as a father than that of a brother.

He had always lived in the home where he was born and was the owner of that portion of the Old Homestead Farm upon which is situated the homestead buildings. The portion across the river he sold to my father.

His duty to his mother and family were such that he never married. He procured a farm for each and all of his brothers.

In politics, he was first a Whig, then a Republican, which he was identified with since its organization. He would never accept any official position, and thought his work at home sufficient to keep him busy, and was regarded one of the most thorough and successful farmers in Porter Township.

He has commanded the highest respect and esteem of the entire community in which he has spent his entire life. It was a remark quite frequently heard that Uncle Ben, the name by which he was familiarly known, did not have an enemy in the world.

Just and honorable in all his business relations, it may be truly said of him, his word was as good as his bond.

He was very quiet and unassuming in his manner, not given to much talk, but when he did speak he had something to say worth listening to, in business, as well as in social circles.

Uncle Ben was a devout member of the German Reformed Church in Alexandria for a period upwards of forty years, and an Elder in the same church for fifteen years.

READ AT UNCLE BEN'S, SR., SURPRISE PARTY AT THE OLD HOME

Dearly beloved kindred of Our Father.

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God Our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Fathers, away back into the ages, as far as we can trace our genealogy, were God's own dear people, and you who are assembled this 14th day of September, A. D. 1887, under the roof of one of the old homesteads to celebrate the 71st birthday of the oldest living member of the family name inheriting the blood of our ancestors.

Dear Cousin Benjamin you do most worthily contribute by this gathering to honor our father's good name, and show your well deserved affection to him who has for so long a time lived among you, as the chief par excellence, in every trait that adorns human character.

During all my life of nearly three score years, I have known Cousin Ben, as we younger cousins always called him, as our big cousin, and he was like the first King, a head and shoulders above all.

Then he had a big heart also, so big that he could never do a little mean action. I shall always look back with unalloyed pleasure to those boyhood days, when together we worked in the harvest fields with that great company of 16 cradlers with Cousin Andy with his 56 in. cradle leading off with the broadest cut ever made. Thirty-two hands were kept busy tying sheaves and us boys were kept busy carrying the sheaves to Cousin Ben and Uncle Daniel to shock, and then too, how busy Aunt Betsy and Cousin Eliza and Polly were one day, and Cousin Ann Eliza, Susan and Fanny at Uncle Daniel's were the next day, in baking and cooking for that hungry crowd.

Dear sweet cousins, those halcyon days are forever gone. In all those bustling times, there stood Cousin Ben, without fuss or feathers, always serene and calm as a May day morn. Himself as the governor, controlling the vast machinery, that moved without a jar. Great is Cousin Ben.

I also look back with pleasure to the quiet days I spent there in the pear time, also the Rambo apples that Andy and I enjoyed, then again when the dear girls would say dinner is

ready, it would do you good to see how we gathered around that plain big table with plenty on it.

I recollect my seat was on the bench next to the wall, the cousins all around and Cousin Ben at the head. There was peace and plenty there. Then again I liked to get into the Canoe, to cross the river, when Cousin Ben pushed I always felt all right.

And now for a moment, let me switch off the track. There was a time, when our young cousins, as they entered manhood and womanhood, also entered the marital life, and there was a time, too, in which all the dear cousins were tickled by the rumor that our Big Cousin Ben, too, was looking at one of our own beloved among the Friendschaft who would most certainly have been most heartily welcomed at the Old Homestead.

Here again, Cousin Ben showed his great unselfishness in deciding to live for others as well and thus continue to remain as he is today, as he has been, and as he ever will be, first in the hearts of all his beloved cousins.

And now, my most dearly beloved in the flesh, I do most sincerely congratulate you all on this most auspicious occasion. Oh how gladly would I unite with you to do honor and pay respect and shake hands and clasp hearts with all of you as you gather today.

My testimony of Cousin Benjamin Neff is this. He is a man amongst men, a model in person and in qualities, without a blemish.

Among friends, he is the most kindly, cherished and true. Among the kindred, there is none like him. Let him have, therefore, as Benjamin of old, a double portion of your hearts best love, and let him hereafter have the title he so richly deserves, Benjamin the beloved.

And now, my dearly beloved in closing these hasty and unpremeditated thoughts, let me ask of each and all of you in whose veins run our ancestral blood, to highly resolve that from this day henceforth, you will seek to perpetuate to the last generation the good name of Neff.

The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.

Forever yours till heaven,

John A. Neff, son of Jacob K. Neff,
Philadelphia, Pa.

John A. Neff, was one of the greatest Sunday School workers and leaders of his time.

He founded Meadow Chapel in South Philadelphia, and began with less than a dozen children gathering in a little shack, in a neighborhood which was for the most part a swamp.

One Sunday morning as he was going down to teach the few boys and girls gathered there, he met at the corner of Lombard street, a dirty little boot-black, who asked if he could shine his shoes, he said no, but in talking with the little fellow asked him if he would go with him to see some other little boys and girls he was going to talk to, he finally consented and continued going every Sunday afterward.

The boy's name was John Wanamaker, who in after years contributed all his success to John A. Neff taking him to Sunday school which teaching he faithfully observed continuously until his death.

Meadow Chapel gradually grew to a great institution for the study of the Bible, under the guidance, first by John A. Neff and afterward by John Wanamaker, it was later called Wanamaker's Bible Class, and all his long, busy and useful life he was always present if at all possible to be there.

11322 Andrew Neff
Born September 13, 1818
Married
Died December 9, 1893

and

11322 Anna Frank
Born in Lancaster Co., Pa., March, 1830
Married
Died April 9, 1915

Residence:
Cross Roads,
McConnellstown, Pa.

1 Jacob C.
Born August 6, 1848
Married Alice Huyette
Died September 10, 1931

2 Martin
Born July 13, 1850
Not Married
Died January 25, 1919

3 Laura
Born September 27, 1852
Married Scott Huyette
Died

4 Milton
Born February 10, 1855
Married Annie Grove
Died

5 Annie
Born September 21, 1857
Not married
Died April 4, 1928

6 Mary
Born July 21, 1862
Died October 16, 1875

113221 Jacob C. Neff
Born August 6, 1848
Married
Died September 10, 1931

and

113221 Alice Huyette
Born July, 1853
Married
Died September 1, 1917

Residence,
Petersburg, Pa.

1 Blanche Harnish
Born December 29, 1876
Married
Daniel McKendric Miller
Died

2 Mabel Huyette
Born March 15, 1881
Married October 19, 1918,
Harry Brown
Died

3 Frances Rhorer
Born February 22, 1884
Married October 21, 1908,
George Irvin Phillips
Died

4 (Twin) Guy McCauley
Born May 16, 1891
Married November 15. 1919,
Martha Louise Cresswell
Died

5 (Twin) Maud Beckley
Born May 16, 1891
Married October 29, 1919,
John Thompson Martin
Died

1132211 Blanch Neff
Born December 29, 1876
Married
Died

and

Daniel McKendric Miller
Born
Married February 9, 1916
Died

John Neff
Born February 16, 1917
Married
Died

1132212 Mabel Huyette
Born March 15, 1881
Married October 19, 1918
Died

and

Harry Brown
Born
Married October 19, 1918
Died

1 Phillip Neff
Born June 22, 1920
Married
Died

2 Robert Huyette
Born November 28, 1921
Married
Died

1132213 Frances Neff
Born February 22, 1884
Married October 21, 1908
Died

and

1132213 George Irvin Phillips
Born
Married October 21, 1908
Died

1 Frances Ruth
Born February 28, 1910
Married
Died

2 George Irwin
Born April 17, 1913
Married
Died

3 John Jacob
Born September 24, 1915
Married
Died

1132214 Maud Beckley
Born May 16, 1891
Married October 29, 1919
Died

and

John Thompson Martin
Born
Married October 29, 1919
Died

Residence,
Alexandria, Pa.

1 Alice Huyette
Born September 12, 1920
Married
Died

2 Frances Neff
Born July 18, 1923
Married
Died

(Twins)

3 Ada
Born July 18, 1923
Married
Died

4 John Thompson, Jr.
Born April 16, 1926
Married
Died

1132214 Guy McCauley Neff
Born May 16, 1891
Married November 15, 1919
Died

and

Martha Louise Cresswell
Born
Married November 15, 1919
Died

Residence,
Petersburg, Pa.

1 Martha Louise
Born May 18, 1924
Married
Died

2 Robert Cresswell
Born October 29, 1925
Married
Died

3 Janet
Born June 8, 1928
Married
Died

113223 Laura Neff
Born September 27, 1852
Married
Died

and

113223 Scott Huyette
Born
Married
Died

1 Charley
Born
Married Jennie Moore
Died

2 Mary
Born
Married Charles Wensel
Died

3 Harry
Born
Married
Died

4 Anna
Born
Married Edward Whitaker
Died

5 Norman
Born
Married
Died

6 Ella
Born
Married Floyd Guyer
Died

1132231 Charley Huyette
Born
Married
Died

and

1132231 Jennie Moore
Born
Married
Died

1132232 Mary Huyette
Born
Married
Died

and

1132232 Charles Wensel
Born
Married
Died

1 Richard
Born
Married
Died

1132234 Anna Huyette
Born
Married
Died

and

1132234 Ed. Whitaker
Born
Married
Died

1 Chas.
Born
Married
Died

2 Collium
Born
Married
Died

1132235 Norman Huyette
Born
Married
Died

1132236 Ella Huyette
Born
Married
Died

and

1132236 Floyd Guyer
Born
Married
Died

1 Anna
Born
Married
Died

113224 Milton Neff
Born Feb. 10, 1855
Married
Died

and

113224 Annie Grove
Born
Married
Died March 5, 1929

Residence:
Alexandria, Pa.

1 Greta
Born
Married John M. Winters
Oct. 16, 1919
Died

11322 Jacob Neff
Born Oct. 12, 1820
Married
Died

and

11322 Susan Frank
Born in Lancaster Co., Pa.
April 4, 1834
Married
Died

Residence:
Alexandria, Pa.

1 Samuel
Born February 29, 1856
Married, 1st Grace Sprankle;
Married, 2nd Mrs. Clara Graffius Neff, Nov. 10, 1903
Died Oct. 7, 1929

2 Frank
Born Nov. 28, 1857
Married
Died

113221 Samuel Neff
Born Feb. 29, 1856
Married
Died Oct. 1929

and

113221 Grace Sprankle
Born
Married
Died

1 Florence
Born July 3, 1888
Married
Died

2 Ella Margaret
Born September 14, 1891
Married
Died

3 Norman
Born September 24, 1894
Married
Died

4 George
Born May 20, 1896
Married
Died

113221 Samuel Neff
Married November 10, 1903

and

113221 Mrs. Clara Graffius
Born
Married
Died

Residence:
Alexandria, Pa.

11324 Elizabeth Neff
Born Sept. 27, 1822
Married
Died

and

11324 Samuel Hatfield
Born
Married
Died

Residence:
Alexandria, Pa.

1 John Neff
Born May 25, 1850
Married Dec. 20, 1877, Annie Bucher
Died

2 Samuel
Born June 23, 1852
Married Dec. 25, 1878, Annie Phillips, no issue
Died

3 Anna Elizabeth
Born Jan. 1, 1854
Not married
Died

4 Mary
Born Aug. 10, 1856
Married Jan. 19, 1882, William Stryker
Died

5 Benjamin
Born Sept. 16, 1860
Married Feb. 23, 1893, Julia Lytle of Huntingdon, Pa.
Born Oct. 14, 1863, no issue
Died March 1931

113241 John Neff Hatfield
Born May 25, 1850
Married Dec. 20, 1877
Died

and

113241 Annie Bucher
Born
Married Dec. 20, 1877
Died

Residence:
Alexandria, Pa.

1 John Bucher
Born June 28, 1875
Married
Died

2 Elizabeth Scott
Born June 19, 1886
Married June 16, 1910, Albert M. Greene
Died

1132412 Elizabeth Scott Hatfield
Born June 19, 1886
Married June 16, 1910
Died

and

1132412 Albert M. Greene
Born
Married June 16, 1910
Died

1 Albert M. Greene
Born May 24, 1911
Married
Died

113244 Mary Hatfield
Born Aug. 10, 1856
Married January 19, 1882
Died

and

William Shaw Stryker
Born Dec. 28, 1851
Married
Died

Son of Peter Stryker
Born Oct. 4, 1819
Married
Died Mar. 9, 1858

and

Jane Newell
Born April 26, 1822
Married
Died Mar. 7, 1886

Residence:
Alexandria, Pa.

1 Mabel Elizabeth
Born May 19, 1883
Married June 29, 1911
Died

2 Annie Newell
Born Jan. 29, 1885
Married Oct. 29, 1908
Died

3 Ella Hatfield
Born Aug. 29, 1886
Married April 15, 1915
Died

4 Eliza Neff
Born Mar. 27, 1889
Married
Died

5 Mary Janet
Born May 23, 1892
Married June 15, 1922
Died

Mabel Elizabeth Stryker
Born May 19, 1883
Married June 29, 1911
Died

and

Chalmers Sherfey Brumbaugh
Born Dec. 7, 1881
Married
Died

Son of
Benjamine B. Brumbaugh
Born Aug. 4, 1849
Married
Died Feb. 15, 1929

and

Anna L. Sherfey
Born Nov. 22, 1850
Married
Died

Chalmers Sherfey
Born Oct. 1, 1915, at Baltimore, Md.
Married
Died

Annie Newell Stryker
Born Jan. 29, 1885
Married Oct. 29, 1908
Died

and

Edward Fryling Black
Born Sept. 5, 1881
Married October 29, 1908
Died

Son of
Jacob Hoffman Black
Born Dec. 7, 1848
Married
Died Mar. 3, 1913

and

Emma Fryling
Born Mar. 2, 1853
Married
Died Feb. 3, 1923

1 William Stryker Black
Born July 28, 1910 at Foo Chow, China
Married
Died Sept. 8, 1911

2 Robert Fryling Black
Born Sept. 29, 1911, at Foo Chow, China
Married
Died

3 Jean Hatfield Black
Born Sept. 8, 1913, at Brooklyn, New York
Married
Died

4 Annie Margery Black
Born Aug. 31, 1915, at Chicago, Ill.
Married
Died

Ella Hatfield Stryker
Born Aug. 29, 1886
Married April 15, 1915
Died

and

Robert Scott Phillips
Born Aug. 2, 1889
Married
Died

Son of
George Phillips
Born Nov. 10
Married June 7
Died

and

Susan Scott Bucher
Born Jan. 15, 1863
Married
Died

1 Mary Susan Phillips
Born July 28, 1923 at Saurel, Delaware
Married
Died

2 Ellen Stryker Phillips
Born April 7, 1927, at Eldorado, Ark.
Married
Died

Eliza Neff Stryker
Born March 27, 1889
Married
Died

Mary Janet Stryker
Born May 23, 1892
Married June 15, 1922
Died

and

Henry Waddell Conner
Born Sept. 30, 1894
Married
Died

Son of
Rev. William Conner
Born Aug. 31, 1880
Married
Died

and

Margaretta Leslie
Born Sept. 27, 1858
Married
Died

1 Jane Dorris Conner
Born July 27, 1929, at Baltimore, Md.
Married
Died

11326 Mary D. Neff
Born Nov. 13, 1826
Married
Died June 10, 1907

and

11326 Martin B. Orlady, M. D.
Born February 9, 1820
Married
Died January 5, 1891

Residence:
McConnellstown, Pa.

1 Henry N.
Born July 17, 1850
Married
Died December, 1858

2 Mary Elizabeth
Born July 10, 1852
Married Porter Robb
Died 1921

3 Laura
Born April 2, 1854
Married
Died March 27, 1891

4 Martha Alice
Born January 1, 1856
Married Alexander K. Long
Died January 28, 1887

5 Lambert
Born May 5, 1860
Married
Died December 11, 1911

6 Benjamin
Born May 16, 1866
Married
Died

113261 Mary Elizabeth Orlady
Born July 10, 1852
Married
Died 1921

and

113261 Porter Robb
Born
Married
Died

1 Blanch
Born
Married
Died

2 Alice
Born
Married
Died

3 M. Ray
Born
Married
Died

4 Chalmers
Born
Married
Died

5 John
Born
Married
Died

6 Earl
Born
Married
Died

113264 Martha Alice Orlady
Born January 1, 1856
Married
Died January 28, 1887

and

113264 Alexander K. Long
Born
Married
Died

1 William
Born
Married
Died

2 Percy
Born
Married
Died

3 Martin
Born
Married
Died

113265 Benjamin Orlady
Born May 16, 1866
Married
Died

and

Not Known

1 Lewis
Born
Married
Died

2 Mary
Born
Married
Died

Residence,
Jamestown, North Dakota

DANIEL GROVE NEFF

Daniel Neff was the son of Andrew Neff. He attended the common school in the Little Old Log Schoolhouse, situated on the banks of the Juniata River, close by the Old Aqueduct which carried the water in the canal and the boats across the river at that point.

I went to school in the same building, and well remember the whittling and carving on those old wooden desks and benches some of which would do credit to an artist.

He subsequently attended a private Subscription School during the Winter months, grew to strong, sturdy manhood, of the finest physique, and was the largest of the Neffs, being 6 ft. 2 in., very erect, and weighing 230 pounds.

He enjoyed a fair degree of Musical training, both vocal and instrumental, and had the good fortune to live in the days of the good old fashioned country Singing School which met in the various Schoolhouses in that vicinity, the decline of which is much to be regretted, since nothing has as yet been devised to take its place. He was among the first to own a Cabinet Organ, (The Mason Hamlin), introduced into this part of the country.

Daniel Neff was quiet and unassuming, of a kind gentle disposition, possessing a dignity all his own. He was a devout member of the German Reformed Church in Alexandria, Pa., and for years sang in the church choir and held the office of first Deacon, then Elder in the church.

In politics he was a staunch Republican and being a great reader, kept well informed on the current events of the day, forming his own opinions and acting accordingly. He never aspired to public office, much preferring to live a quiet life on his farm, which to him was by far the most pleasant and independent of all the occupations.

Daniel Neff married at the age of 24, Susan Neff, daughter of John Neff, in 1852, who died suddenly, September 30, 1891. She was an excellent type of a sincere Christian woman, wife, mother and friend, active in church enterprises, and in all charitable movements. She was an earnest advocate of the principles of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and did much work for the cause.

My Father through his mother and Uncle Ben fell heir to the portion of The Old Homestead Farm, situated just

across the Juniata river, consisting of 115 acres. It was minus buildings of any description. He erected the buildings, getting the timber from the woods, hauling it to the saw mill owned by his brother-in-law, to be cut into the proper building material.

After this was done, he began to clear the land of stumps and stones of which there was scarcely any end on a good portion of it. He then planted trees, fruit orchards, and many pines around the house, of different species as well as various other evergreens, there was a beautiful hedge of Arbor Vitae between the yard and the garden, which was great admired by all visitors.

All this required unlimited hard work and sacrifice, for quite a long time, in order to accomplish the goal for which they started out to obtain, but with strict economy and perseverance, they finally began to realize their life's dream.

Daniel Neff was one whose word was as good as his bond, at all times and one who was frequently approached for advice along many lines. A man of few words, but these were to the point. His passing was one of the Old School of which there were but few left.

11327 Daniel Grove Neff
Born October 20, 1830
Married October, 1853
Died November 1, 1908

and

11327 Susan Neff
Born April 4, 1834
Married October, 1853
Died September 30, 1891

1 Andrew Calvin
Born August 20, 1854
Married Laura Stauffer, January 20, 1897 Grace Stauffer
January 19, 1905 Clara Smith
Died October 14, 1928

2 Clara Susan
Born November 12, 1856
Not Married
Died February 21, 1910

3 Elmer Ellsworth, M. D.
Born April 23, 1864
Married Dora Bell McCarthy December 19, 1900
Died

4 Benjamin Landis
Born January 23, 1866
Married Letitia Harnish October 26, 1899
Died January 15, 1910

He was cutting trees in the woods, one tree in falling struck him on the left leg between the knee and ankle, causing a compound comminuted fracture of both bones. He lived four days and died of sepsis, in The German Hospital in Philadelphia.

5 Walter Scott
Born February 11, 1873
Married Florence Sprankle February 7, 1897 and Alice Dell, March 24, 1907
Died March 29, 1920

He was sawing wood at his home with a Gasoline Engine. It being quite stormy, the belt flew off, and in some manner caught him. He lived but two hours after the accident.

Andrew and his wife Clara were driving home from church in Alexandria in their car, and in going over the railroad crossing near the Little Juniata River Bridge, were caught by the train and both killed instantly.

11328 David Neff
Born October 20, 1830
Married
Died March 17, 1869

and

11328 Mary Jane Knode
Born
Married
Died

Residence,
Alexandria, Pa.

1 Alice Neff
Born 1858, Alexandria
Married Albert Piper
Died November 7, 1930

2 Lambert Huyette Neff
Born 1860, Groton, S. Dakota
Married Annie Martin
Died

3 Dr. Lewis Knode Neff
Born 1862, New York City
Married Irene Gilman
Died

4 Calvin Knode Neff
Born 1869, Groton, S. Dakota
Married Carrie Ashly
Died

5 Elizabeth
Born
Married
Died

113281 Alice Neff
Born 1858
Married
Died

and

113281 Albert Piper
Born
Married
Died

Residence,
Altoona, Pa.

1 Nellie
Born
Married Pringle
Died

2 Irene
Born
Married Logan
Died

3 Marguerite
Born
Married Patterson
Died

4 Olive
Born
Married Holland
Died

1132811 Olive Piper Holland
Born
Married
Died

and

1132811 Geo. Holland
Born
Married
Died

1 Virginia
Born
Married
Died

113283 Dr. Lewis Knode Neff
Born 1862, Alexandria
Married
Died

and

113283 Irene Gilman
Born New York City
Married
Died

Residence,
1213 Park Avenue, New York City

1 Lambert
Born
Married Ruth Hewitt
Died

2 Lewis K., Jr.
Born
Married Marjorie Love
Died

3 Calvin G.
Born
Married Elinor Guthrie
Died

113284 Calvin Knode Neff
Born 1869, Alexandria
Married
Died

and

113284 Carrie Ashly
Born Groton, S. Dakota
Married
Died

Residence,
Groton, South Dakota

1 Lois
Born
Married Kenneth Adair
Died

2 Margaret
Born
Married
Died

11329 Henry Grove Neff
Born March 11, 1833 in Huntingdon Co., Pa.
Married January 26, 1860
Died June 4, 1913

and

11329 Mary Frances Sprankle
Born September 19, 1838 Porter Township, Huntingdon Co., Pa.
Married January 26, 1860
Died January 16, 1909

Residence,
Alexandria, Pa.

1 Howard L.
Born January 27, 1861
Not Married
Lives in the West
Died

2 Geo. W. Neff
Born January 1, 1863
Married Grace Dopp
Lives in Steelton, Pa.
Died

3 Anna Grace
Born July 30, 1864
Married William B. Miller, February 18, 1891
Died

Residence,
Groton, South Dakota

4 Mary Francis
Born January 22, 1867
Married
Died February 4, 1867

5 Lottie Sprankle
Born March 27, 1868
Not Married
Died October 19, 1902

6 Harry Grove
Born July 15, 1869
Married Mary E. Parker
Died

7 (Twin) John Scott
Born September 18, 1873
Married Anny Funk
Died

8 (Twin) Samuel Reed
Born September 18, 1873
Married Ada Richie, August 15, 1912
Died

113293 Anna Grace Neff
Born July 30, 1864
Married February 18, 1891
Died

and

113293 William B. Miller
Born June 22, 1859
Married February 18, 1891
Died July 19, 1930

Residence:
Groton, South Dakota

1 Frances Neff Miller
Born July 17, 1895, Groton, South Dakota
Married Joseph Williams
Died

2 Margaret Charlotte
Born October 21, 1903, Groton, South Dakota
Married
Died

3 Lambert Henry
Born August 31, 1907, Groton, South Dakota
Married
Died

113296 Harry Grove Neff
Born July 15, 1869
Married
Died

and

113296 Mary E. Parker
Born
Married
Died

Residence:
St. Paul, Minn.

1 Norman Parker
Born January 26, 1906
Married
Died

2 Frances Elizabeth
Born October 25, 1910 at St. Paul, Minn.
Married
Died

113298 Samuel Reed Neff
Born September 18, 1873
Married August 15, 1912
Died

and

Adda Ritchey
Born August 5, 1884
Married August 15, 1912
Died

Residence,
Altoona, Pa.

1 Anna Grace
Born February 14, 1913
Married
Died

2 Samuel Junior
Born November 18, 1915
Married
Died

3 John Richard
Born January 5, 1919
Married
Died

4 George Howard
Born August 5, 1920
Married
Died

5 William Harry
Born May 14, 1922
Married
Died

1133 Jacob K. Neff
Born 1789
Married
Died 1829

and

1133 Elizabeth Weight
Born 1799
Married
Died 1886

1133 Elizabeth Weight Neff
Born
Married
Died

and

1133 McCord
Born
Married
Died

Jacob Neff died, his wife Elizabeth Neff then married McCord.

1 John A.
Born
Married
Died

2 Henry K., M. D.
Born
Surgeon in War of 1861
Married Mary Miller 1849
Died

3 Edwin
Born
Married Lavinia Dorland
Died

11331 John A. Neff
Born
Married
Died

and

11331

Residence:
Philadelphia, Pa.

1 Florence
Born
Married
Died

2 A daughter
Born
Married
Died

3 Milton
Born
Married
Died

113311 Florence Neff
Born
Married
Died

and

113311 Garde
Born
Married
Died

1 Russell
Born
Married
Died

2 Rodman Wanamaker
Born
Married
Died

11332 Henry K. Neff, M. D.
Born
Married 1849
Died

and

11332 Mary Miller
Born September 27, 1827
Married 1849
Died

Residence,
Huntingdon, Pa.

1 Julian
Born May 2, 1854
Married Mary Morrison
January, 1872
Died April 30, 1927

2 Lizzie
Born January 7, 1856
Married Lawrence L. Brown
June 6, 1878
Died

3 Mary M.
Born September 7, 1858
Married Frank Hall, November 21, 1882
Died

JULIAN A. NEFF

The Neffs, with few exceptions, were musically inclined and had varied degrees of talent in the art, from the rending of folk songs and classical productions to the composition of songs, instrumental and band music to quite a creditable degree.

Jule Neff, son of a prominent physician in Huntingdon, Pa., very early in life showed talent as a future band leader and at the age of fourteen played in the Huntingdon Band, later becoming leader of the organization, while still quite young.

He followed various occupations, but was principally employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in Altoona, Penna., for many years, and in the meantime devoting much time to the study of music.

In 1887 he accepted the position as Leadership of the Altoona City Band, which he maintained continuously for forty years.

When Jule Neff assumed charge of the band it was an average organization, and he immediately set himself to the task to build it up, with men gathered from the shops and road, from everywhere, men who played because music was their greatest love. He taught them and held them together, and brought glory to them for years after, and perfected a band second to none in the state or elsewhere. Under his able leadership and patience in the instruction, the almost phenomenal reputation early procured was maintained until the end of his long leadership as bandmaster.

The Altoona City Band traveled far and wide, and played at many notable functions throughout the Eastern part of the United States, viz., at the inauguration of Presidents Garfield, Harrison, and Roosevelt, and of Governors, General Beaver and Hastings.

While its appearance at Conventions and in parades were without number, and in many cities from New York and Philadelphia in the East to Chicago and St. Louis in the West.

Quite frequently in competition with bands made up of those who devoted their entire time to the study and practice of music. They retained continuously, first position, whether in concert or on parade.

You frequently heard it said that Jule A. Neff in his full uniform wielding his baton on march in front of his band was

in a class all by himself. Really a Majestic Military Marcher leading his band to the music he himself composed.

Jule Neff was a composer of some note, more especially marches, etc., for his band, and whilst his numerous compositions were never copyrighted, yet they were played from coast to coast.

He wrote music for the love of it, and for his individual organization, and presented copies of the manuscript to various band leaders.

Very few of his compositions were given titles; they for the most part were known by numbers.

The passing of Jule A. Neff was not only a severe loss to the community in which he lived but to the music loving people at large.

113321 Julian Neff
Born May 2, 1854
Married Jan. 30, 1871
Died April 30, 1927

and

113321 Mary Morrison
Born Feb. 19, 1853
Married Jan. 30, 1871
Died Feb. 21, 1911

Residence:
Altoona, Pa.

1 Mamie Miller
Born Dec. 31, 1874
Married June, 1903
Died

2 Marguerite
Born Feb. 18, 1877
Married April, 1903
Died

3 Martha Morrison
Born Dec. 11, 1879
Married Jan. 14, 1903
Died

1133211 Mamie Neff
Born Dec. 31, 1874
Married June, 1903
Died

and

1133211 Ed. Hering
Born
Married June, 1903
Died

1 Julian
Born July 25, 1904
Married
Died

1133212 Marguerite Neff
Born Feb. 18, 1877
Married April, 1903
Died

and

1133212 Elic Rollins
Born
Married
Died

1 Latimer
Born Jan. 23, 1904
Married
Died

2 Julian
Born
Married
Died

1133213 Martha Morrison Neff
Born Dec. 11, 1879
Married Jan. 14, 1903
Died

and

1133213 Alvin Brumbaugh
Born
Married Jan. 14, 1903
Died

Residence:
Altoona, Pa.

1 Julian Neff
Born March 2, 1911
Married
Died

2 Martha Morrison
Born Feb. 24, 1914
Married
Died

113322 Lizzie Neff
Born
Married
Died

and

113322 Lawrence Brown
Born
Married
Died

1 Elizabeth
Born
Married
Died

11333 Edwin Neff
Born
Married
Died

and

11333 Lavina Dorland
Born
Married
Died

1 Newton
Born
Married
Died

2 Edward
Born
Married
Died

3 (One Daughter)

1134 Annie Neff (or Nancy)
Born Dec. 31, 1790
Married
Died Feb. 6, 1887

and

1134 Henry Swoope
Born
Married
Died

1 John N.
Born May 21, 1823, Martinsburg, Pa.
Not married
Died Oct. 6, 1886, residence, Alexandria.

2 Peter S.
Born Mch. 17, 1825, Martinsburg, Pa.
Married
Died 1827

3 Henry William
Born Jan. 8, 1827, Martinsburg, Pa.
Married Frances Neff
Died April 16, 1902

4 Elizabeth
Born Feb. 27, 1829, Woodbury, Pa.
Married
Died Aug. 9, 1830

1134 Annie Neff Swoope
Married

and

1134 Jacob Herncane
Born
Married
Died

No issue

1135 Daniel Neff
Born Jan. 19, 1793
Married Nov. 25, 1819
Died Oct. 17, 1865

and

1135 Polly Huyette
Born Dec. 8, 1798
Married Nov. 25, 1819
Died April 26, 1842

1 Anna E.
Born Feb. 26, 1821
Married Abram Harnish
Died

2 Henry M.
Born Mch. 16, 1822
Married Dec. 1, 1854, Isabelle Oaks
Married Amelia McCord, Dec. 31, 1861
Died

3 Susan
Born Oct. 25, 1823
Not married
Died Mch. 14, 1911

4 Fannie
Born July 29, 1825
Not married
Died June 8, 1871

5 John Huyette
Born Oct. 9, 1827
Married Feb. 6, 1851, Catherine Musser
Died Dec. 23, 1895

6 Daniel J.
Born Jan. 3, 1831
Married Susan Gray, Sept. 24, 1873
Died
One daughter, Pauline

7 William
Born Oct. 18, 1833
Married Dec. 28, 1865, Margaret C. Howard
Died

8 David A.
Born Apr. 15, 1836
Not married
Died

Colonel Daniel J. Neff

Colonel Daniel J. Neff, the dean of the Blair County Bar and one of the oldest and most distinguished lawyers in this section of the state, died at noon January 27, 1916 in the Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia, Penna., in his 85th year, of Pneumonia, following an operation.

Daniel J. Neff was the son of Daniel and Mary Huyette Neff, both deceased and was born in Porter Township Huntingdon County, Penna., January 3, 1831.

He attended the schools of Alexandria and the Huntingdon academy. Later he entered Marshall College, Mercersburg, from where he graduated in 1851. Three years later he left home and after reading law with the late Hon. S. S. Blair at Hollidaysburg. Mr. Neff entered the Poughkeepsie Law School in New York State.

He studied under the private tutorship of Homer A. Nelson, a prominent Poughkeepsie Lawyer, later secretary of New York State. Completing his law course, Mr. Neff returned home in 1856 and was admitted to the Blair County Bar. He opened an office in Hollidaysburg and soon moved to Tyrone. In 1860 he came to this city, residing here until his death.

He was one of the founders of the Blair County Bar Association and was always deeply interested in the advancement of his chosen profession. In 1868 Mr. Neff was appointed solicitor for the Pennsylvania Railroad company, which he held, until his death. He was interested in various financial enterprises and was one of the incorporators of the Second National Bank of this city. Mr. Neff was the first solicitor of Altoona when this city was incorporated in 1868 and served several terms in that capacity.

Mr. Neff was a consistant member of the Second Presbyterian Church and for many years was an officer, taking a deep interest in the workings of the church. It was said of him that he never argued a case in court without quoting a passage of scripture at the beginning.

As a friend, Mr. Neff was the most loyal and faithful. He loved to quote the words of the immortal Bard: "The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried, grapple to thy soul with hooks of steel."

In the early days of Mr. Neff's career as a lawyer, he was an untiring student, and his earnest, logical and convincing words as an advocate were unsurpassed. As a counsellor, he was always conservative and safe, and in the preparation of legal papers, he was most thorough. These qualifications, with the experience of a thorough education and practice, and by the close application to precedents, he was unerring in his conclusions, and in all his undertakings he was a marvel of success.

As a lawyer, he has finished his bright career.

He never forgot the friends of his boyhood days, nor those of his riper years. It was his delight in social intercourse to grow reminiscent, and to recall the pleasure incidents of the past. He loved to picture in glowing colors, qualities of his friends, the many rich and amiable traits of the great men with whom he came in contact.

"It is pleasant to know,
That not with lifes precarious fire,
The immortal ties of nature shall expire.
These shall resist the triumphs of decay,
When time is o'er and worlds have passed away.
Cold in the dust the perished heart may lie,
But that which warmed it once shall never die."

1 Mary
Born
Married Rev. John A. Peters
Died

2 Emma
Born
Not married
Died Dec. 31, 1924

11351 Annie E. Neff
Born Feb. 26, 1821
Married
Died

and

11351 Abram Harnish
Born
Married
Died

3 Reed
Born
Not married
Died

4 Harry
Born
Not married
Died

5 Blanche
Born
Not married
Died

6 Daniel N.
Born June 4, 1856
Married June 4, 1891, Mary A. Prough
One daughter
Died
Residence, San Gabriel, Calif.

113511 Mary Harnish
Born
Married
Died

and

113511 Rev. John A. Peters
Born
Married
Died

1 Norman
Born
Married
Died

2 Harry
Born
Married
Died

11352 Henry M. Neff
Born Mch. 16, 1822
Married Dec. 1, 1854
Died

and

11352 Isabelle Oaks
Born Oct., 1825
Married Dec. 1, 1854
Died Feb. 8, 1856

1 Anna Kauffman
Born Oct. 22, 1863
Married Wm. Harnish, Lancaster Co.
Five children
Died

11352 Henry M. Neff
Married Dec. 31, 1861

and

11352 Mrs. Amelia Neff
Born
Married Dec. 31, 1861
Died Jan. 7, 1896

11355 John H. Neff
Born Oct. 9, 1827
Married Feb. 6, 1851
Died

and

11355 Catherine Musser
Born
Married Feb. 6, 1851
Died

1 Mary F.
Born Jan. 5, 1852
Married Joseph Oburn
Died

2 Ada
Born September 1, 1863
Married Oliver Cunningham
Two children, John and Mabel
Died

Residence:
Shavers Creek,
Petersburg, Pa.

Golden Wedding Anniversary—1915

"Maplehurst", the home of William Neff at Neff Station, Huntingdon County, Pa., was the scene of a delightful social event last Tuesday evening. It was the occasion of the celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of William Neff, aged 82 years, and Margaret Cordelia Neff, nee Howard, aged 73 years, who were married fifty years ago, on December 28, 1865, by Rev. E. Bridenbaugh, at Gettysburg, Pa. This was the first golden wedding anniversary celebrated by the Neff family of Huntingdon and Blair Counties.

Guests were present from Altoona, Huntingdon, Alexandria, Petersburg, Quakertown and Philadelphia, Pa.; Fayete, Iowa; and Faribault, Minn. They were received by Mr. and Mrs. William Neff, Professor Charles D. Neff, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. McLean, Miss Amelia Neff, and Joseph Huyette Neff. The six children of Mr. and Mrs. Neff, their three grandchildren, and the only surviving brother of Mr. Neff, Colonel Daniel J. Neff, were all fortunately able to be present upon this occasion.

Dr. E. E. Neff, of Altoona, Pa., who recently visited the old Neff homestead in Cappel, Switzerland, in the vicinity of which many Neffs still reside, acted as master of ceremonies. Professor Charles D. Neff presided at the piano; after rendering a suite of marches, when the strains of Mendelssohn's familiar wedding march were heard, Mr. and Mrs. Neff, escorted by Rev. and Mrs. McLean, entered the parlor, which was draped with evergreen, and ornamented with potted plants. The aged couple, in apparently more joyous spirits than fifty years ago, were united a second time in marriage by Rev. McLean.

After the marriage ceremony Miss Mildred Little of Petersburg sang "Oh, Promise Me", and a quartette consisting of Messrs. Kell, Master, C. D. Neff, and Myers, sang "Love's Old Sweet Song." A sketch of the history of the William Neff family was read by Rev. Charles W. Levan, D. D., pastor of the Reformed Church at Alexandria, Pa., of which the Neff family are members.

After the family history had been read, Miss Mildred Little sang, "The End of a Perfect Day." Then Dr. E. E. Neff gave some reminiscences of his visit among the Neffs in Switzerland. He had visited the old Neff homestead where Adam Neff lived 400 years ago. It is still in a good state of preservation, and a reunion of the Swiss Neffs is held

there biennially. The Swiss Neffs, on account of their valuable services to the Republic, are influential and held in high repute. Dr. Neff also exhibited letters and photographs of the Swiss Neffs. But the most interesting article in this exhibit was the Neff coat of arms, cast in bronze, the original of which he had secured in the National Museum in Zurich, Switzerland. The coat of arms of the Neff family consists of a shield, surmounted by a helmet and crest, commemorating the achievements of the Neffs in war. Upon the shield are embossed a new moon and two stars, indicative of a belief in the waxing destiny of the family. On some of the coats of arms a patriarchal cross appears, commemorative in a special manner of the achievements of Adam Neff and other members of the family of that period.

Following is the Programme:

Programme

1. Wedding Marches_____Professor Charles Daniel Neff
2. Marriage Service_____Reverend E. L. McLean
3. Vocal Solo—"Oh, Promise Me"_____Miss Mildred Little

   Remarks—Dr. E. E. Neff of Altoona, Pa.
4. Male Quartette—"Love's Old Sweet Song"_____
   _____Messrs. Kell, Master, Neff and Myers
5. Family History—Biography Sketch_____
   _____Read by Dr. Charles W. Levan
6. Vocal Solo—"A Perfect Day"_____Miss Mildred Little
7. Male Quartette—"Good Night, Beloved"_____
   _____Messrs. W. Neff, Master, C. D. Neff and Myers

11357 William Neff
Born Oct. 18, 1833
Married Dec. 28, 1865
Died

and

11357 Margaret C. Howard
Born
Married Dec. 28, 1865
Died July 12, 1921

Residence:
Alexandria, Penna.

1 Charles Daniel
Born Oct. 21, 1867
Married
Died April 7, 1929, at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

2 Mason William
Born Mch. 19, 1870
Married
Died

3 Mary
Born June 2, 1872
Married Rev. E. L. McLean
Died

4 Amelia C.
Born July 10, 1874
Married
Died

5 Frederick
Born January 2, 1878
Married
Died

6 Paul Howard
Born July 8, 1880
Married
Died

7 Joseph H.
Born Feb. 11, 1884
Married
Died

1137 Henry Neff
Born December 8, 1797
Married October 25, 1827
Died October 4, 1842

and

1137 Mary Wallace Neff
Born January 5, 1806
Married October 25, 1827
Died September 14, 1881

11371 Anna Caroline Neff
Born August 8, 1828
Married
Died

and

11371 Perry Moore
Born
Married
Died

1 Anna Caroline
Born August 8, 1828
Married Perry Moore
Died January 30, 1885

2 Frances
Born November 14, 1830
Married Henry Swoope, February 16, 1850
Died March 4, 1883

3 Michael
Born September 23, 1832
Married
Died June 25, 1837

4 John Henry
Born December 18, 1834
Married
Died November 8, 1842

5 Susan Gemmill
Born January 14, 1837
Married William T. Black, February 14, 1866
Died

6 Thomas Calvin
Born March 27, 1839
Married Annie Smith, May 1, 1876
Died

7 Laura Wallace
Born February 8, 1842
Married
Died February 28, 1914

(2 sons) Perry
Jess

11372 Francis Neff
Born November 14, 1830
Married February 16, 1850
Died March 4, 1883

and

11372 Henry Swoope
*Born January 8, 1827
Married February 16, 1850
Died April 16, 1902

*Born in Martinsburg, Pa.

Residence:
Alexandria, Pa.

1 Wilfred H.
Born May 31, 1850
Married Annimary Talbott, October 18, 1894
Died March 15, 1912

2 Mary Wallace
Born September, 1851
Married
Died December 17, 1923

3 John N.
Born September 9, 1853
Married
Died October 18, 1914

4 Annie Landis
Born November, 1855
Married John Summerville Huey
Died

5 Lizzie Bell
Born September 19, 1857
Married
Died September 19, 1871

6 Jacob Gemmil
Born January 9, 1859
Married Annie Wilden
Died January 31, 1886

7 Harry Wharton
Born July 20, 1861
Married Bertha Hare August 13, 1891
Died September 21, 1911

8 Thomas Calvin
Born November 10, 1863
Married Ellen McCormick, April 26, 1903
Died

9 Carrie
Born September 12, 1865
Married
Died November 10, 1869

10 Ella Wallace
Born September 12, 1867
Married Thomas Jefferson Hutchinson
Died

11 Laura Radcliffe
Born August 9, 1869
Married
Died

12 Ellwood Wallace
Born February 1, 1872
Married
Died

113727 Harry Wharton Swoope
Born July 20, 1861
Married August 13, 1891
Died September 21, 1911

and

113727 Bertha Hare
Born
Married August 13, 1891
Died

Residence,
Altoona, Pa.

1 Ellwood Swoope
Born
Married
Died

2 Harriet Swoope
Born
Married
Died

3 Francis
Born
Married
Died

113728 Thomas Calvin Swoope
Born November 10, 1863
Married April 26, 1903
Died

and

113728 Ellen McCormick
Born
Married April 26, 1903
Died

1 John Calvin Swoope
Born March 24, 1904
Married
Died March 24, 1904

2 Maxine McCormick Swoope
Born July 5, 1906
Married
Died

3 Thomas Calvin
Born June 11, 1907
Married
Died

113720 Ella Wallace Swoope
Born September 12, 1867
Married
Died

and

113720 Thomas Jefferson Hutchinson
Born
Married
Died

1 Francis Swoope Hutchinson
Born
Married
Died

11375 Susan Gemmill Neff
Born January 14, 1831
Married February 14, 1866
Died

and

11375 William T. Black
Born
Married February 14, 1866
Died

Daughter of Henry and Mary Wallace, early residents of Alexandria.

1 Maud Gemmill
Born November 13, 1866
Married Wood Miller June 13, 1889
Died

2 Edwin Gerks
Born May 11, 1868
Married
Died

113751 Maud Black
Born November 13, 1866
Married January 13, 1889
Died

and

113751 Wood Miller
Born
Married
Died

1 Edward Woods
Born July 30, 1890
Married
Died

2 William
Born August 3, 1892
Married
Died

3 Susan Gemmill
Born May 26, 1895
Married
Died

1 Harry Gilson
Born March 31, 1877
Married
Died February 1, 1893

2 Mary Helen
Born January 7, 1879
Married Harry Stewart
Died

3 Paul Findley
Born March 17, 1882
Married Mazy Tomery
Died

4 Norris
Born June 22, 1884
Married
Died

5 John
Born
Married
Died

11376 Thomas Calvin Neff
Born March 27, 1839
Married May 1, 1876
Died

and

11376 Annie Smith Neff
Born
Married
Died

113762 Mary Neff
Born
Married
Died

and

113762 Harry Stewart
Born
Married
Died

1 Calvin Stewart
Born
Married
Died

2 Harry Stewart
Born
Married
Died

01 Jacob Neff (1)
(River Jake)
Born 1763
Married
Died 1834

and

01 Barbara Kauffman
Born
Married
Died 1822

Residence,
Petersburg, Huntingdon Co., Pa.

1 Daniel
Born
Married Elizabeth (Betsy) Burket
Died

2 Jacob
Born
Married Magdelene Herr of Lancaster, Pa.
Died

3 John Kauffman
Born
Married Susan Huyette
Died

4 Eliza
Born
Married Jacob Hoover
Children:
John, Christian, Jacob
Nancy — Married Robert Wallace
Died

5 Barbara
Born
Married Peter Burket
Died

6 Polly Mary
Born March 19, 1798
Married Christian Stoner
Died April 11, 1879
Residence,
Sinking Valley

7 Susan
Born
Married Isaac Neff
Died

8 Nancy
Born
Married Jacob Neff
(No Relation) Called Conistoga Jake
Died

011 Daniel Neff
Born
Married
Died

and

Elizabeth Burket Neff
Born
Married
Died

1 Eliza Neff
Born March 2, 1828
Married Lee Wilson
Died May 8, 1871

2 Susan Amelia
Born Oct. 1, 1826
Married Wm. Ake, Aug. 18, 1846
Died May 8, 1904

3 Barbara
Born April 19, 1831
Married David Ross
Died April 8, 1900

4 Annie
Born May 12, 1819
Married Thompson Stryker
Died Aug. 7, 1889

5 John
Born
Married
Died

6 David
Born
Married
Died

0111 Eliza Neff
Born March 2, 1828
Married
Died May 8, 1871

and

0111 Lee Wilson
Born Oct. 9, 1823
Married
Died July 27, 1913

and

Mary N. Stoner
Born July 26, 1827
Married
Died
Daughter of Polly Neff (Stoner)

1 Mamie Wilson
Born Oct. 28, 1858
Married H. M. Duncan.
Residence: London, Eng.
Died April 2, 1926

2 Burket Wilson
Born Dec 9, 1850
Married Sallie Port.
Residence, Huntingdon, Pa.
Died August 24, 1917

3 Plummer Wilson
Born Jan. 12, 1862
Married
Died

4 Myrtle Wilson
Born Dec. 29, 1865
Not married
Died
Residence: Tyrone, Pa. then Hollidaysburg, Pa.

No issue

0113 Susan Amelia Neff
Born Oct. 1, 1826
Married Aug. 18, 1846
Died May 8, 1904

and

0113 Wm. H. Ake
Born
Married
Died Aug., 1895

Residence:
Williamsburg, Pa.

1 Charles Nisley
Born
Married Ida Peterson, 1876
Died, 1894, Salina, Kansas

2 Samuel
Born
Married Fannie Kelly
Died, 1894, at Muncy, Ind.

3 Clara V.
Born
Married White, Connellsville, Pa.
Died

4 Florence M.
Born
Married Edward Mercer, Harrisburg, Pa., 1905
Died April 29, 1908

5 Rose Bell
Born
Married, 1879, Robert Fluke, Williamsburg, Pa.
Died

6 William
Born
Married Isadora Means, Erie, Penna.
Died

0114 Barbara Good Neff
Born April 19, 1831
Married, 1853
Died April 8, 1900

and

0114 Wm. David Ross
Born June 13, 1831
Married
Died Dec. 28, 1899

Residence:
Arlington, Kansas

1 John Blanchard
Born Sept. 5, 1854
Married April 10, 1874, Nettie Pennington
Died April 6, 1912

2 Robert Curtin
Born April 2, 1863
Married
Died July 12, 1899

3 William Neff
Born Aug. 28, 1856
Married Sept. 12, 1881, Ida Allbright
Died
Residence: Salina, Kansas

4 Leah Florence
Born April 22, 1865
Married George Updegraph Oct. 18, 1882
Died
Residence, Hutchinson, Kansas

5 Susanna Agnes
Born Dec., 1882
Married W. R. Riddlen March 5, 1882
Died
Residence: Salt Lake City, Utah

0115 Annie Neff
Born May 12, 1819
Married Jan. 31, 1839
Died Aug. 7, 1889

and

0115 Thompson Stryker
Born
Married
Died

1 Reuben Neff
Born
Married
Died, 1873

2 John Calvin
Born
Married Harriet Fisher
Died

3 Mary E.
Born
Married James Vaughn
Died
Residence, Philadelphia Penna.

4 William Wallace
Born
Married Margaret Jane Myers
Died Feb. 21, 1871
Residence: Sinking Valley, Pa.

5 Samuel
Born
Married
Died
Residence: Kansas City, Mo.

Residence:

012 Jacob Neff
(River Jake No. 2)
Born, 1789
Married, 1814
Died, 1846

and

012 Mary Magdelene Herr Neff
Born in Lancaster Co., Pa., 1790
Married, 1814
Died, 1861

1 Ben K.
(River Ben)
Born, 1822
Married Mary Drayton
Died, 1902

2 Rudolph
Born, 1829
Married Fannie Metz
Died, 1903

3 Mariah
Born, 1817
Married Capt. Robert Hill Morton, 1836
Died, 1902

4 Sarah
Born, 1836
Married Jacob Rink
Died, 1902

5 Jacob
Born, 1827
Married
Died July 17, 1830

6 Abraham
Born, 1825
Married
Died July 22, 1830

7 Christain
Born, 1814
Married
Died July 15, 1830

8 Henry
Born, 1820
Married
Died 1833

0121 Ben Neff
(River Ben)
Born, 1822
Married
Died, 1902

and

0121 Mary Drayton
Born
Married
Died

1 Ard Neff
Born
Married
Died

2 Fred Neff
Born
Married
Died

1 John M.
Born
Married Jennie Lanson,
Died

Residence:
Jacksonville, Florida

0122 Rudolph Neff
Born, 1829
Married
Died, 1903

and

0122 Fannie Metz Neff
Born
Married
Died

Residence:
Jacksonville, Florida

2 Mellroy
Born
Married Margaret Metz
Died

3 Bruce
Born
Married Rhoda Hollowell
Died

Residence: Tampa, Florida

4 Walter
Born
Married Marjora Wasson
Died

Residence: Mines, Florida

5

No record

0123 Mariah Neff
Born, 1817
Married, 1836
Died, 1902

and

0123 Capt. Robert Hill Morton
Born
Married, 1836
Died, 1848

01231 John Morton
Born, 1837
Married Susan Neff
Died

01232 Mary Morton
Born, 1839
Married William Stryker
Died, 1895

01233 Caroline Morton
Born, 1842
Married
Died Sept. 8, 1924

01234 Emma
Born, 1844
Married
Died

01232 Mary Morton Stryker
Born, 1839
Married
Died, 1895

and

01232 William Stryker
Born
Married
Died

1 Cora Stryker
Born
Married Mac. Swoope
Died

2 Harry Stryker
Born
Married Rogers
Died

3 Grant Stryker
Born
Married
Died

4 Ida Stryker
Born
Married
Died

5 Edith Stryker
Born
Married Tyson
Died

6 Myrtle Stryker
Born
Married
Died

012321 Cora Stryker Swoope
Born
Married
Died

and Three children

012321 E. M. Swoope
Born
Married
Died

012322 Harry Stryker
Born
Married
Died

and Five children

012322 Rogers
Born
Married
Died

JOHN KAUFFMAN NEFF

For nearly half a century, was identified with the best and most progressive interests of Williamsburg, Pa., and as a representative business man stood high, not only in Blair county, Pa., but in other sections, notably in the south.

He was descended from Francis Neff, who came from Switzerland to America and located in Pennsylvania, under William Penn, and who was the progenitor of most of the Neffs known in Pennsylvania history since his time.

Among the early settlers of Huntingdon county was Jacob Neff, who migrated from Lancaster county and made his new location near the forks of the Juniata river, a short distance above Petersburg, Pa.

One of his sons was John K. Neff, the subject of this memoir, who was born March 29, 1902, in Huntingdon county, on March 26, 1828, he married Susannah, daughter of Major John Huyette of Huntingdon, (a native of Maryland, and one of Huntingdon county's early settlers), and with his wife and father-in-law removed in the spring 1829 to the village of Williamsburg, in Blair county, Pa.

Huyett and Neff bought the Williamsburg Mill property, and embarked with a show of much spirit upon the business of milling and merchandising.

Before the completion of the canal Mr. Neff carried on a considerable business in "Arking" on the Juniata, and kept himself in a general way sharply busy in pushing the interests of his adopted home to the front.

Until within a few years of his death, (which occurred Dec. 20, 1876), he was constantly engaged in active business pursuits, and was one of the leading spirits in the development of Blair county's industries. He was the head of the firm of Neff, Dean and Co., who in 1857 built the Juniata Furnace at Williamsburg, Pa., and in 1869 he founded with other capitalists, the Rome Iron Manufacturing Company of Rome, Ga., for the purpose of erecting at the last named place an extensive rolling mill and nail factory. The enterprise was a complete success and today occupies a prominent place among the important manufacturing industries of that section of the South.

Mr. Neff was a man of warm impulses, sanguine and cheerful temperament, and advanced ideas, ever alive to the

needs of the hour, he was ever ready to exercise judicious council in the development of advanced thought where it concerned business prosperity. He allowed no man to take the lead where it was possible for himself to lead, and so he came to be known as a prominent and substantial factor in the commercial and manufacturing world.

He was for twenty years an official in the Presbyterian church, always a church worker, and a strong example of close attendance upon divine worship. He was frequently called upon to administer public office in the township, and in that capacity always displayed discretion, judgment, and ability.

He was much given to travel, and not only visited the South and East at various times, but crossed the continent twice. He loved travel for the sake of that broadening of human purpose that comes through observation beyond the narrow confines of home, and a familiarity through personal contact with the men, manners, and things of far as well as near localities. He lived respected, and died sincerely mourned by the people of the community within which he passed the greater portion of his life. His record is a valuable heirloom to his posterity, to whose heart many of the lessons of which he was the teacher, may be proudly and profitably taken.

His widow survived him, and in the old mansion at Williamsburg, dwelt with her children and grandchildren, a worthy member of that guild whose later years abide within the realm of peaceful and comforting old age.

Mrs. Neff had passed her seventy-seventh year, but advancing time had rested lightly upon her and left her still well nigh, as bright and active as she was a score of years ago. Her living children were William L. Neff and Elizabeth H. Neff.

013 John Kauffman Neff
Born March 29, 1802
Married March 26, 1828
Died Dec. 20, 1876

and

Susannah Huyette Neff
Born
Married March 26, 1828
Died

John K. was born near Petersburg on the Juniata River, Huntingdon Co., Pa., and died in Williamsburg, Pa.

Son of Jacob and Barbara (Kauffman) Neff

1 Ruben
Born Jan. 23, 1829
Married
Died Sept. 10, 1829

2 Abram Kauffman
Born Sept. 26, 1830
Married
Died Feb. 28, 1849

3 William Lewis
Born Nov. 10, 1832
Married
Died Jan. 5, 1910

4 Milton
Born Dec. 10, 1834
Married
Died Jan. 2, 1835

5 Joseph Huyette
Born Sept. 12, 1836
Married
Died Feb. 8, 1837

6 Elizabeth Huyette
Born August 26, 1839
Married
Died July 23, 1911

7 Albert John
Born June 27, 1842
Married
Died July 5, 1866
Graduate of West Point Class 1866, 1st Lt. 2d U. S. Calvary. Died at Ft. C. F. Smith, Montana Territory

8 E. Catherine P.
Born March 13, 1845
Married
Died May 28, 1900

William Lewis Neff
Born November 10, 1832
Married May 12, 1861
Died January 5, 1910

and

Arabella C. VanDevander
Born
Married May 12, 1861
Died March 8, 1871, Polk Co., Ga.

and

Anna M. White
Born
Married No Issue
Died

1 Francis F., Physician
Born
Married
Died
Concord, Calif.

2 Aldus V.
Born February 26, 1864
Married
Died March 26, 1865

William Lewis Neff, served in the Civil War as Captain of Company C. 3rd Regiment P. V. I., also as Captain of Company D. 22nd Regiment P. V. C.

1 Leonora
Born December 5, 1858
Married
Died March 17, 1860
Williamsburg, Pa.

2 Herman N.
Born April 20, 1860, Lives in Polk Co., Georgia, Cedartown
Married
Died

0132 Elizabeth H. Neff
Born August 26, 1839
Married January 12, 1858
Died

and

Peter V. VanDevander
Born
Married
Died October 16, 1874

3 Abram H.
Born March 14, 1863, Lives in Polk Co., Georgia, Cedartown
Married
Died

4 Mary Helen
Born July 11, 1865, Spokane, Washington
Married
Died

5 Albert M.
Born February 13, 1868
Married
Died November 1898

6 Georgia B.
Born September 13, 1871, Lives in Pell City, Alabama
Married
Died

Residence:
Polk Co., Georgia

Herman N. Van Devander
Born April 20, 1860
Married August 22, 1888
Died

and

Louise Calhoun
Born
Married August 22, 1888
Died

1 Belle E.
Born August 3, 1889, Priors, Georgia
Married
Died

2 Neff C.
Born December 17, 1891 Cedartown, Georgia
Married
Died

3 Mary
Born September 29, 1898 Cedartown, Georgia
Married
Died

4 Karl
Born October 30, 1903 Cedartown, Georgia
Married
Died

Abram H.
Born March 14, 1863
Married December 19, 1899
Died

and

Lilly Wood
Born
Married December 19, 1899
Died

and

Jesse Kilpatrick
Born
Married
Died at Connellsville, Pa.

1 Lillian V.
Born September 25, 1900
Married
Died

2 Charles W.
Born February 7, 1902
Married
Died

3 Elizabeth V.
Born January 26, 1911
Married
Died

Mary Helen
Born July 11, 1865
Married June 9, 1886
Died

and

John Wright Wheatley
Born
Married
Died

1 Ricardae
Born April 27, 1887
Married George Allen Bacchus, June 29, 1910
Died

2 Paul V.
Born March 21, 1889
Married Norma Grace Keller, September 20, 1913
Died

Georgia B.
Born September 13, 1871
Married August 28, 1896
Died

and

Charles Ross Fay
Born Williamsburg, Pa.
Married August 28, 1896
Died

1 Donald V.
Born September 8, 1897
Married
Died March 25, 1906

2 Elizabeth F.
Born August 28, 1902
Married
Died

3 Charles R.
Born February 23, 1907
Married
Died

Residence,
Coal City, Alabama

E. Catherine P.
Born March 13, 1845
Married October 5, 1863
Died May 28, 1900
Moved to Georgia, 1870

and

M. V. B. Ake
Born
Married October 5, 1863
Died

1 Edwin L.
Born February 2, 1865
Married
Died August 30, 1884

2 Clarence N.
Born January 6, 1869
Married
Died July 17, 1895

Bell Elizabeth Van Devander
Born August 3, 1889
Married May 3, 1917
Died

and

Walton E. Bedinger
Born
Married May 3, 1917
Died

Residence:
Savannah, Georgia.
Civil Engineer, Seaboard Air Line Railroad

Louise
Born
Married
Died

Walton, Jr.
Born
Married
Died

Neff Calhoun Van Devander
Born Dec. 17, 1891
Married Dec. 21, 1914
Died

and

Rebecca Smith
Born
Married Dec. 21, 1914
Died

Residence:
Mobile, Alabama

Neff, Jr.
Born Nov. 11, 1915
Married
Died Oct. 13, 1929

Harriette
Born Oct. 14, 1917
Married
Died

Mary Van Devander
Born Sept. 29, 1898
Married July 20, 1925
Died

and

Howard D. Sumrall
Born
Married Sept. 29, 1898
Died

Residence:
Mobile, Alabama

Mary Louise
Born Dec. 8, 1929
Married
Died

Lillian Van Devander
Born Sept. 25, 1900
Married
Died

and

Alex Maddox
Born
Married Sept. 25, 1900
Died

Residence:
Birmingham, Alabama

Fountaine Alex, Jr.
Born June 8, 1926
Married
Died

Issue of Mary Helen

Ricorda E. Wheatley
Born April 27, 1887
Married June 29, 1910
Died

and

George A. Bacchus
Born
Married June 29, 1910
Died

Helen V.
Born Aug. 12, 1912
Married
Died

Paul V. Wheatley
Born March 21, 1889
Married Sept. 20, 1913
Died Oct. 5, 1928

and

Norma Keller
Born
Married Sept. 20, 1913
Died

Paul was Lieutenant in U. S. Air Mail Service in Idaho, where he was killed in an Airplane crash.

Residence:
Spokane, Washington

Margaret
Born
Married
Died

John Keller
Born
Married
Died

Georgia's Issue

Elizabeth Fay
Born Aug. 28, 1902
Married
Died

and

Julian De Garvis
Born
Married
Died

Residence:
Pell City, Alabama

Fay
Born
Married
Died

Martha
Born
Married
Died

Francis F. Neff (Physician)
Born February 7, 1862
Married
Died June 18, 1923

Son of William L. Neff

015 Barbara Neff
Born
Married
Died

and

015 Peter Burket
Born
Married
Died

1 John Burket
Born
Married
Died

2 Peter Burket
Born
Married Eberly
Died

3 Henry Burket
Born
Married
Died

4 Ephram Burket
Born
Married Mary Harnish
Died

5 One daughter
Born
Married Patton
Died

016 Mary Polly Neff
Born March 19, 1798
Married March 11, 1824
Died May 1, 1879

and

016 Christopher Stoner
Born January 19, 1800
Married March 11, 1824
Died May 1, 1875

0162 Annie B. Stoner
Born Dec. 3, 1824
Married Dec. 23, 1852
Died Sept. 4, 1855

and

0162 Garber Lindsey
Born
Married Dec. 23, 1852
Died

1 John N.
Born April 10, 1839
Married
Died July 8, 1864

2 Annie B.
Born December 3, 1824
Married Dec. 23, 1852, Garber Lindsey
Died September 4, 1875

3 Mary N.
Born July 26, 1827
Married Oct. 12, 1875, Lee Wilson, Tyrone, Penna.
Died

4 Rebecca
Born February 28, 1826
Married Feb. 26, 1846, Gabriel Fleck, Sinking Valley
Died

5 Fannie
Born November 17, 1828
Married Aug. 31, 1848, David Tussey
Died

6 Sarah M.
Born June 15, 1834
Married Feb. 25, 1858, Thomas Fleck
Died August 23, 1906

7 Lizzie C.
Born November 26, 1831
Married John A. Crawford
Died February 2, 1879

8 Amanda
Born February 19, 1836
Married
Died May 1, 1843

9 Susanna
Born Feb. 22, 1830
Married
Died May 4, 1840

10 Adeline
Born May 2, 1843
Married
Died July 3, 1843

1 Melissa Lindsey
Born
Married
Died

0164 Rebecca Stoner
Born Feb. 28, 1826
Married Feb. 26, 1846
Died

and

0164 Gabriel Fleck
Born
Married Feb. 26, 1846
Died

1 Ira Fleck
Born
Married
Died

2 Eli
Born
Married
Died

3 Lindly
Born
Married
Died

4 Cyrus
Born
Married
Died

5 Harry
Born
Married
Died

6 John
Born
Married
Died

7 David
Born
Married
Died

8 Clair
Born
Married
Died

9 Lizzie Jones
Born
Married
Died

10 Clara
Born
Married
Died

11 Sarah
Born
Married
Died

0165 Fannie Stoner
Born Nov. 17, 1828
Married Aug. 31, 1848
Died

and

0165 David Tussey
Born
Married Aug. 31, 1848
Died

1 Normenia Wilson
Born
Married
Died

2 Annie
Born
Married
Died

3 Sadie
Born
Married
Died

4 Mary
Born
Married
Died

5 Ada
Born
Married
Died

Krider

6 Clara
Born
Married
Died

7 Linda
Born
Married
Died

8 Calvin
Born
Married
Died

9 Paul
Born
Married
Died

10 Alice
Born
Married
Died

0166 Sarah M. Stoner
Born June 15, 1834
Married Feb. 25, 1858
Died Aug. 23, 1906

and

0166 Thomas M. Fleck
Born
Married Feb. 25, 1858
Died

Residence:
Sinking Valley, Pa.

1 William E. Fleck
Born, 1859
Married
Died, 1888

2 Charley M.
Born, 1861
Married Sadie Markley, 1889
Died, 1896

3 Howard S.
Born, 1863
Married Ella Slayman
Died May 1898

4 Lewis L.
Born May 26, 1865
Married Laura Hawksworth, Feb., 1895
Died

5 Frank E.
Born, 1867
Married Martha M. Orr, March, 1900
Died

6 Mazie M.
Born, 1869
Married
Died

7 Annie R.
Born, 1871
Married Harry C. Lotz, March, 1899
Died

8 J. Edward
Born Feb. 2, 1873
Married Ella C. Fleck, Dec., 1897
Died October 27, 1928

9 Carrie
Born, 1875
Married John B. Wilson, Sept., 1900
Died

0167 Lizzie C. Stoner
Born
Married
Died

and

0167 John A. Crawford
Born
Married
Died

1 Walter Crawford
Born
Married
Died

2 James
Born
Married
Died

3 Ada
Born
Married **Hagerty**
Died

4 Annabell Keller
Born
Married
Died

5 May
Born
Married
Died

6 Venie
Born
Married
Died

7 Edith
Born
Married
Died

8 Ella
Born
Married
Died

1136 Isaac Neff
Born April 26, 1795
Married
Died, 1859

and

1136 Susan Neff
Born, 1805
Married
Died, 1875
Residence:

Shavers Creek,
Huntingdon Co., Pa.

1 William A.
Born
Married Eliza Mong
Died
(Mayor of Cleveland)

2 Isaac
Born
Married
Died

3 Frances
Born
Married John McMullin
Died

4 Edward
Born
Married Ellen Harris
Died

5 Susan
Born
Married Jno. Morton (Son of Captain John Robert Hill)
Died

William Alfred Neff, moved to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1858, was during the greater part of the period of his residence, engaged in the operation of stone quarries and in the sale of their product.

He was born in Huntingdon county, Penna., April 5, 1828, and was a son of Isaac Neff, a prosperous resident of that locality.

The schools of his native county afforded him his opportunities for intellectual training and as the years passed by the habits of a retentive mind and an observing eye added greatly to his knowledge.

He also gained from each experience of life the lesson that it contained. Mr. Neff continued a resident of his native state until about 29 years of age, when he went to Cleveland,

in company with his wife, and at first they boarded in the French Block, in old Bond street where he remained for about a year and a half.

After arriving in the city Mr. Neff became associated with Henry Smith in the real estate business, but as he wished to engage in an independent venture, he withdrew from that association and purchased land near the Shaker settlement on what is now Shaker Heights, there he owned and operated extensive stone quarries, furnishing stone for many of the city's leading buildings and homes.

He was not long in establishing a good patronage in that line and continued in that business until his death which occurred Dec. 28, 1895, each year making a steady growth in the enterprise which claimed his attention.

In 1856, in Huntingdon county, Penna., Mr. Neff was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Mong and unto them was born seven children, of whom four are now living. William A., Frank Howard, Mrs. Annie King of New York City and Harry Allison.

Many years ago Mr. Neff purchased two acres of land for a home on 105th Street and the family still reside there in one of the pleasantest residences of the city.

In his political views Mr. Neff was a Republican, who gave earnest endorsement to the principles of the party. He kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day whether political or otherwise, and sought the public welfare not only through the exercise of his franchise but also in cooperating with many movements for the public good. Although he held membership in the Presbyterian church in Pennsylvania, soon after going to Ohio, he and his wife transferred their membership to the Euclid Avenue Congregational church, to which he was actively devoted throughout his remaining days.

His christian faith was the guiding spirit in his life and led him not only to render justice but also mercy and aid by his kindly spirit and generous assistance, many fellow travelers on life's journey.

This letter was copied from the Biographical Section of the History of Cleveland, Ohio.

The letter does not make note of the fact that, William A. Neff, was Mayor of Cleveland, for several years.

11361 William Alfred Neff
Born April 5, 1828
Married Sept. 16, 1856
Died Dec. 28, 1895

and

11361 Eliza Mong
Born Sept. 25, 1836
Married Sept. 16, 1856
Died

Residence:
Cleveland, Ohio

1 Walter Mong
Born July 14, 1857
Not married
Died Nov. 22, 1899

2 Carrie Gemmill
Born July 10, 1859
Married
Died May 6, 1864

3 Lizzie Bell
Born July 6, 1861
Married
Died May 7, 1864

4 William Alfred, Jr.
Born June 22, 1863
Married Feb. 10, 1914,
Constance May Black
Died

5 Frank Howard
Born July 30, 1865
Married Dec. 23, 1903,
Ida Crawford Brown
Died

6 Annie Laura
Born Nov. 12, 1867
Married March 17, 1887,
Burnham William King
Died

7 Harry Allison
Born May 24, 1874
Married April 17, 1900
Carrie Adelaide Cleveland
Died

113612 William Alfred Neff, Jr.
Born June 22, 1863
Married Feb. 10, 1914
Died

and

Constance May Black Neff
Born May 7, 1876
Married Feb. 10, 1914
Died

113618 Annie Laura Neff King
Born Nov. 12, 1867
Married March 17, 1887
Died

and

113618 Burnham William King
Born Aug. 17, 1862
Married March 17, 1887
Died

Residence:
New York City

1 Burnham William, Jr.
Born Jan. 25, 1907
Married
Died

2 Margaret
Born Jan. 14, 1910
Married
Died

113614 Frank Howard Neff
Born July 30, 1865
Married Dec. 23, 1903
Died

and

Ida Crawford Brown Neff
Born Sept. 17, 1873
Married Dec. 23, 1903
Died

Residence:
Cleveland, Ohio

1 Frank Howard
Born Feb. 7, 1908
Married
Died

2 Edward Brown
Born Feb. 7, 1908
Married
Died

113615 Harry Allison Neff
Born May 24, 1874
Married April 17, 1900
Died

and

Carrie Adelaide Cleveland Neff
Born Feb. 1, 1875
Married April 17, 1900
Died

Residence:
Cleveland, Ohio

1 Allison Cleveland
Born Sept. 7, 1902
Married
Died

2 William Alfred
Born August 27, 1904
Married
Died

3 Julius Cleveland
Born Sept. 24, 1910
Married
Died

113615 Albert Neff
Born
Married
Died

11363 Frances Neff
Born
Married
Died

and

One son

11363 John McMullin
Born
Married
Died

11364 Edward Neff
Born Feb. 7, 1822
Married March 10, 1858
Died May 28, 1893

and

11364 Mary Ellen Harris Neff
Born Jan. 10, 1830
Married Mar. 10, 1858
Died Dec. 14, 1894

1 Wilfred O.
Born Jan. 7, 1859
Not married
Died February 21, 1918

2 Frances K.
Born Dec. 5, 1861
Married
Died

3 Will A.
Born Feb. 1, 1863
Married Lettie L. Beck and Laura A. Beck
Died

4 Edward J.
Born March 6, 1865
Married Sept. 20, 1889 to Annie E. Fetterhoof
Died

5 Carrie May
Born Jan. 22, 1868
Married H. L. Grazier
Died

6 Susan E.
Born April 7, 1872
Married Earnest L. Addleman
Died

Residence:
Warriors Mark, Pa.

113644 Susan E. Neff
Born April 7, 1872
Married Oct. 28, 1899
Died

and

Ernest L. Addleman
Born
Married Oct. 28, 1899
Died May 9, 1901

Residence:
Warriors Mark, Pa.

113646 Carrie May Neff
Born Jan. 22, 1868
Married
Died

and

113646 H. L. Grazier
Born
Married
Died

Residence:
Warriors Mark, Pa.

1 Virginia May
Born May 9, 1892
Married
Died

2 Carrie Helen
Born May 30, 1893
Married
Died

3 Harry Edwin
Born Nov. 17, 1896
Married
Died

113641 William A. Neff
Born
Married Mar. 4, 1896
Died

and

Lettie L. Beck Neff
Born
Married Mar. 4, 1896
Died Mar. 24, 1897

and

Laura A. Beck Neff
Born
Married Feb. 7, 1900
Died

Residence:
Warriors Mark, Pa.

1 Lettie Beck
Born Mar. 23, 1897
Married
Died

1 William Albert
Born Sept. 22, 1901
Married
Died

2 Lillian Marie
Born June 20, 1903
Married
Died

3 Wilfred Beck
Born Jan. 13, 1905
Married
Died

4 Clarence Stewart
Born June 25, 1908
Married
Died

113643 Edward J. Neff
Born Mar. 6, 1865
Married Sept. 20, 1889
Died

and

Annie E. Fetterhoff Neff
Born
Married
Died Aug. 28, 1920

Residence:
Warriors Mark, Pa.

1 Eugene Fetterhoff
Born Aug. 31, 1890
Married Jan. 19, 1914 Virginia Hamer
Died

2 L. Stewart
Born July 7, 1892
Married
Died

0175 Susan Neff
Born
Married
Died

and

0175 John Morton
(Son of Capt. Jno. Morton)
Born
Married
Died

Residence:
Philadelphia, Pa.

1 Lizzie
Born
Married
Died

2 Carrie
Born
Married
Died

3 Viola
Born
Married
Died

018 Nancy Neff
Born
Married
Died

and

Jacob Neff
Conastoga Jake
No relation
Born
Married
Died

1 Mary
Born
Married Isaac Anderson
Died

2 Eliza
Born
Married Daniel Ramey and Joseph Harris
Died

3 Benjamine K.
(Called Benjamine California Ben)
Born
Married
Died in Baden, Germany

4 Ellen
Born
Married Benjamine Huyett
Died

5 Andrew
"Long Andy"
Born
Married
Died

In closing I wish to say, the compiling of this limited edition of the descendants of Francis "Naf" has given me, with few exceptions, the greatest pleasure of my life, regardless of the fact, of its being almost an endless task, more especially for one having simply odd moments at his disposal.

The name, in the years gone by, has scattered far and wide, making it a difficult problem to obtain the desired records of one's kin.

We are gratified to say that there were many who put forth their best efforts to send us a correct and systematized record, such as asked of their family, which we greatly appreciate.

Life has become so full of business activities of the many phases that little time or thought is given to this, which to some is of such small import, whilst to others, it makes a fascinating story of intense interest.

The records even up to the present date have been carelessly kept and by some almost entirely neglected, consequently there may be breaks in the continuity of the family, then again there may be apparently repetitions in families intermarrying, etc.

We are quite cognizant of the fact of there being many imperfections, however not entirely due to the compiler's inability to acquire data, but partially to those who were little interested and thought any sort of record would suffice.

However, be that as it may, we sincerely hope that whoever may decide to carry the work onward will experience as much and even more pleasure than we have in this meagre beginning.

It is the hope of the author that those who may find interest in the records herein given may be imbued with the desire to continue to follow and record the history and be inspired to nobler efforts in maintaining the Genealogy of the Neff Family in the years to come.

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